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Government to stay out of Ford dispute

£17m daily production of cars to be lost

By Richard Ford, Roland Rudd and Bailey Morris

The Government last night distanced itself from the most serious industrial dispute in Britain since the miners' walkout by adopting a non-intervention policy towards the strike by 32,500 Ford car workers, which began at midnight.

Ministers insisted that they would sit out the strike despite the potential damage it could cause to their economic policies, future investment prospects and Britain's image and reputation abroad.

While the Government sees the latest upsurge in industrial action in the public and the private sector as damaging to hard-won improvements in Britain's strike record, it says it is little more than a spasm which should not be compared to the winter of discontent a decade ago.

Ministers admit, however, that improvements in the economy, the profitability of many companies and recent reports about prospects for a tax-cutting Budget next month have encouraged an inevitable human reaction from workers to seek larger pay increases.

"There is always the risk that having got into a recovery situation, people will relax. We cannot", a minister said.

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Even though they expect to gain politically from strikes and particularly if the Ford dispute is lengthy, ministers are worried that pay settlements are unrealistically excessive and that this will damage Britain's competitiveness and long-term prospects for full economic and industrial recovery.

Another minister said that while the strike would be exremely damaging for Ford and the component companies, it was absurd to expect the Government to intervene. Ministers are confident that the changes in trades union law since 1979 will prevent or limit the spread of sympathetic industrial actions elsewhere.

"This is an issue for Ford. It is up to them and we are not going to intervene in the matter. They are in the best position to judge what they want from any deal with the unions. We will leave the handling of it entirely to them", a Government source said.

Ford conceded last night that it had failed to carry its workers along with the need to continually improve competitiveness. A spokesman said: "We were able to convince the union leaders but not the guys on the shopfloor nor the shop stewards."

The company will lose car production valued at £17 million a day and the shutdown will hit the components industry in the Midlands within a matter of days.

Layoffs are also expected at Ford plant in Genk, Belgium, where 2,500 out of 11,000 employees will be unemployed by the middle of the week and production of the 274 Ford Transit vans will halt by Thursday.

Ford is bracing itself for a long and bitter dispute after the rejection of a union-recommended pay and working practices package by more than 60 per cent of the workforce.

The company has withdrawn its offer of 7 per cent rises, backdated to November, with further increases of 2.5 per cent higher than inflation in 1988 and 1989. While it will open gates at its 22 plants, the company expects few workers to turn up.

Mr John Davies, secretary of the national shopfloor conveners, said the mood on the shoopfloor was one of bitterness and disappointment that the company had not been prepared to amend its final pay offer at the last moment.

"No one wants a strike but the company's refusal to amend their final offer means that we are now bracing ourselves for a major stoppage."

Union negotiators believe that the far-reaching changes in working practices, which would abolish the dividing line between skilled and semi-skilled workers, and the three-year pay agreement instead of the normal two-year pay deal are the main reasons why their members will be on strike.

Ford executives at the company's headquarters in Detroit insisted that all decisions concerning negotiations, the length of strike, and the ultimate settlement would be taken in Europe.

"I would be very surprised if they took an adversarial line in the UK negotiations", a company official said.

He said that even though its cash position was strong, Ford will not want to lose its market share which would be an even more costly development.

The European market is more competitive than the US market with many more companies fighting for the same customer base.

He also noted that the lower dollar has given Ford the added flexibility of being able to sell US produced cars in Europe at a competitive cost.

The issue of "class and conditions" dominated the arguments of Ford workers outside the Dagenham plant in east London last night.

They feared that if the Ford management wanted to introduce Japanese work practices there should be a removal of class barriers within the plant.

A Ford worker, a New Zealander employed as a protective wax sprayer at Dagenham, said that British attitudes were more combative and less democratic than in other Ford plants around the world.

Seamen split on 'back to work' call by union

By Roland Rudd

The National Union of Seamen (NUS) last night remained split over the call from its general secretary, Mr Sam McCluskie, for a national return to work as the union prepared to go back to the High Court to argue against sequestration of its assets.

At Dover, Sealink workers voted to end their stoppage while 3,000 P & O crew members decided to continue to strike, although the NUS insisted that action was over a local dispute.

Folkestone was returning to normal but Holyhead was still affected and three other ports were at a standstill.

Shipowners will today put pressure on Mr McCluskie to get all his members back to work or face renewed court action.

In an example of the increasingly hard-line management is adopting, Belfast Freight Ferries yesterday said it had dismissed the crews of its two ships as its members were meeting in Belfast to consider a return to work.

Sealink ferry workers at

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- Portfolio Accumulator starts its second week with £44,000 in the kitty, since there was no winner on Saturday, and of course there is today's £4,000 daily prize to be won as well.

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Tim Robinson scored 74 as the England XI struggled on the first day of the rain-affected match against a Shell Invitation XI in New Plymouth, New Zealand.... Page 36

Hart fights to finish in Iowa

Mr Gary Hart, whose campaign to become US President seems to be over, campaigning with a smile for tonight's Iowa caucus in time-honoured fashion by holding a child.

Dole and Gephardt lead polls

From Michael Binyon
Des Moines, Iowa

If the final opinion poll is correct, Senator Robert Dole and Representative Richard Gephardt will be the Republican and Democratic winners of this evening's crucial Iowa presidential caucuses.

But both had to fend off determined opposition during hectic weekend campaigning. Mr Gephardt now has the support of 25 per cent of the Democrats likely to attend the 2,487 caucus meetings. However, Senator Paul Simon of Illinois, who is in second place with 19 per cent, appears to have picked up momentum with some aggressive television advertising, and has the support of the most strongly committed voters. Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts has slipped back to third, with 15 per cent.

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The opinion poll, by the influential *Des Moines Register*, showed 15 per cent of Democrats undecided. Much also depends on the weather.

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Israeli troops kill three more

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Three Palestinians were killed by Israeli troops yesterday in one of the worst days of violence since the current wave of unrest began in the occupied West Bank and Gaza *Strip almost two months ago.* Dozens more were reported injured as troops clashed with demonstrators at several locations on the West Bank.

Yesterday's deaths bring to 49 the number of Palestinians killed since December 9. These follow the deaths of two other Palestinians on Saturday — a 17-year-old girl killed in a clash on Saturday with Israeli troops in al-Aroub camp near Ramallah, and an 11-year-old boy who died in hospital from injuries sustained on February 2.

The Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Police Minister, Mr Chaim Bar-Lev, and the Army Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, briefed the Government yesterday on the latest deterioration in the West Bank. According to Israel Radio, their report was extremely bleak, and for the first time since the current unrest broke out nothing was said about prospects of an early return to normal.

The most serious incident was yesterday's clash between demonstrators and troops at Beit Umar, on the main road betwen *Hebron* and Jerusalem. Residents of the village attempted to block the highway, egged on by calls of encouragement from the local mosque. Israeli troops drove them back, using tear gas, rubber bullets and also live ammunition.

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Three demonstrators were killed, apparently by Israeli bullets, and about 25 were injured, five of them seriously. According to the Palestinians, live ammunition was used by troops at Beit Umar and at several other places in the West Bank yesterday — including Halhoul, near Hebron, Jenin, and Kalkiya.

Many areas of the West Bank remained under curfew yesterday, including Anata refugee camp on the outskirts of Jerusalem, the scene of a violent disturbance on Saturday night.

'Near miss' staff suspended

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Two air traffic controllers working at West Drayton have been suspended from duty pending a full-scale investigation into how two passenger aircraft nearly collided over Kent at the weekend.

The controllers apparently failed to spot a Bulgarian Balkan Airlines TU-154 cross the path of a British Airways Tristar. Both aircraft were at 18,000 ft and, it is believed, came within 600 yards of each other.

The Balkan Airlines jet, *with more than 200 people on* board, had been held in a stack over Lydd in Kent because the Gatwick runway was temporarily closed. The pilot was instructed to descend towards 11,000 ft and begin his approach to Gatwick but as he did so flashed across the path of the British Airways Tristar BA 305, with 327 passengers on board, bound for Heathrow from Paris.

Captain C. Richardson on board the Tristar immediately pulled the nose of his aircraft up and to the right to avoid the Balkan jet and then told his startled passengers that they had been involved in "a very close shave".

Air traffic controllers at West Drayton were horrified when another crew pointed out what was happening. The two most directly involved were suspended from radar duty but will begin normal *shifts* again this week provided they carry out only administrative duties.

Meanwhile investigators from the Civil Aviation Authority are studying tape recordings of the conversations between the controllers and the two pilots and also radar recordings. It is common practice for controllers involved in such incidents to be suspended, largely for their own protection.

The incident was regarded as one of the worst which has been reported in British air space for some time and heightens fears that the air traffic control system around London is becoming dangerously stretched at peak times. It will also give ammunition to proposals being made by the American Federal Aviation Administration for aircraft to be fitted with a special anti-collision warning device in the cockpit.

The CAA is resisting the proposal because it believes it is one step towards allowing pilots rather than ground controllers to guide aircraft through the complex network of airways and because it could inadvertently tell pilots to change course and put them into even greater danger.

Worried Bank threatens rise in interest rate

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Bank of England will this week issue a stern warning on pay and the dangers of inflationary pressures in the economy, amid clear signs that the authorities are prepared to use the interest rate weapon again to cool the economy.

Official concern over pay and inflation may lead to further increases in base rates, even if this means allowing sterling to rise above its unofficial DM3 ceiling.

The Bank's warning on pay, in its *Quarterly Bulletin* to be published on Thursday evening, will come at a time of growing concern in the City about overheating in the economy.

The majority view among City economists is that base rates will have to rise further from the present 9 per cent, and that it will be difficult for the Chancellor to justify the traditional Budget-week base rate cut.

Shearson Lehman Securities, in a forecast which pushed the stock market sharply lower on Friday, says: "In belated recognition of the bloated condition of the economy, UK interest rates are set to rise sharply. The timing and extent of the hike will depend on the resilience of sterling to mounting concern over the balance of payments deficit, pay disputes and bank lending growth."

Shearson, which is at the extreme end of City expectations on the dangers facing the economy, expects base rates at 12 per cent by the summer.

Warburg Securities, Barclays De Zoete Wedd and Smith New Court also predict higher rates in the coming weeks.

The belief is that the Bank of England, having persuaded the Chancellor to push up rates to 10 per cent last August, and run them down to 8.5 per cent after the stock market crash, wants rates back up to 10 per cent now that the crash is seen to have had little impact on inflationary pressures.

Economists at the Bank of England, using their own computer model of the economy, see little sign of a slowdown in consumer demand this year. The Bank of England has traditionally been more pessimistic on inflation and the balance of payments than the Treasury.

The City has taken the view that base rates will be raised again only if sterling shows signs of weakness. But, with the dollar becoming stronger, the Bank and Treasury would probably let sterling rise above DM3 to restrain inflation.

In the short term, the Bank will allow the markets to digest last week's rise in base rates from 8.5 to 9 per cent. Friday's rise in money market rates to significantly above 9 per cent underlined the nervous mood in the City.

For much of last month, money market rates were discounting a half-point rise in base rates. It was significant that the Bank only acted to raise rates when money market rates had come down.

Although the timing of the Bank's move was related to worries over developments in the labour market and a weakening of sterling against the mark, it also showed action was needed only when the money markets had stopped signalling a tightening of policy.

Baker's reform of maths in disarray

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The Government's plans for raising the standards of mathematics teaching in schools were thrown into disarray yesterday by the resignation of Professor Sigbert Prais, its most prominent supporter on the national curriculum working group.

Professor Prais said he had concluded that his continued membership would be a waste of time. At least two others are also said to be considering resignation.

The 14 members of the group were appointed last July by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science. Their task was to redefine how mathematics should be taught in the light of growing evidence that British schoolchildren of average and below average ability were falling behind their counterparts in West Germany and Japan.

Professor Prais complained yesterday that the group had been "hijacked" by the education establishment of teachers, university lecturers, local authority inspectors and advisers. He said most had no knowledge of the business world.

He said they were refusing to grasp the nettle of specifying what pupils of different ages should know.

"Mr Baker's aim of making every child competent in basic maths after 11 years of schooling is now in danger," Professor Prais said. "Unless the Government acts quickly our national curriculum will merely repeat old mistakes."

Army to march in style with Rolls-Royce boot

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

A new army boot which will add millions of pounds to the hard-pressed Ministry of Defence equipment budget was described yesterday as the "Rolls-Royce" of footwear. According to sources, it is guaranteed to resolve the longest-running cause for complaint by the squaddie in the history of the British Army.

The new superboot has been included in the ministry's current long-term estimates, but the extra £4 million that will have to be found next year from the defence budget has still to be approved.

The new boot will be double the price and will come with a special sock guaranteed to keep out the wet. One senior army officer closely associated with the boots' saga described the latest model as "at the top end of technology", made with advanced supple leather which has benefited from a new tanning process. "It's a Rolls-Royce boot," he said.

The new boot is currently being tested by a handful of lucky soldiers around the country and in West Germany. "They all say they're miraculous," said the officer.

But for every £1 increase in the cost of the boot, an extra £250,000 is added to the Army's clothing vote. The new Mark II boot, with its "moisture vapour permeable" sock (allowing the foot to breathe), will cost £30 a pair (at least £100 on the open market), compared to the present £15 a pair.

Every soldier is supposed to have two pairs of boots but because of the cost problems, a compromise has been agreed. The new boots will be kept strictly for combat duties. For marching around the barracks, the soldiers will wear the existing "Boot Combat High".

Soldiers' complaints about boots have been a tradition. The old "ammunition boot" with leather sole and studs was replaced by a more flexible model with a "durably moulded sole" and separate ankle support (puttees) to provide better waterproofing. But this was cumbersome and unpopular. So in the early 1980s the Ministry of Defence's Stores and Clothing Research and Development Establishment came up with the Boot Combat High, an all-in-one version, giving proper support to the ankle.

However, trials were cut short when the Falklands War broke out in 1982. The new boots were rushed down to the South Atlantic and within weeks there were more complaints. The soles came away and mechanics discovered that the boots were not petrol-resistant.

A redesigned Improved Boot Combat High was developed and tested. This is the version which the soldiers will use for everyday barracks wear. The new Mark II, with a composite sole, high-quality leather and stitching and padding, will be distributed when the stocks of old boots run out. The senior officer commented: "I don't think we could have produced a better boot. This is the best we could do."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Close vote likely on Commons TV

A close vote is expected tomorrow night when MPs vote on proposals to televise the proceedings of the Commons at a time of growing complaints that the chamber is becoming increasingly unruly.

Opposition is led by the Prime Minister. The last vote was lost two years ago by 275 to 263.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and some senior colleagues fear that Parliament's reputation will be seriously damaged if some of the behaviour this session was on camera. They fear that televison would encourage rabble rousers and publicity seekers leading inevitably to sensationalized debates and to more suspensions and challenges to the authority of the Speaker.

The BBC and ITN have demonstrated the latest equipment in the Palace of Westminster and have given assurances that transmissions will be dealt with responsibly.

Check on share boy

A Derbyshire schoolboy who lost an estimated £20,000 in the stock market collapse last year is expected to be interviewed again by detectives.

He was first questioned after it was revealed that he had placed telephone orders for shares during his school lunch break. Stockbrokers said he passed himself off as a businessman.

Derbyshire police then sent a report to the Crown Prosecution Service. It is understood that a number of adults will also be interviewed again.

Gambling children

Children between 13 and 16 are heavily involved in gambling, the National Housing and Town Planning Council said in a report yesterday.

A survey of nearly 10,000 secondary school pupils in Bradford, Cumbria, Hertfordshire, Manchester, Suffolk and Newham in east London showed that almost 60 per cent visited amusement arcades regularly and half used gambling machines in chip shops and cafés.

About 500,000 children were gambling at least once a week. The council wants gaming machines barred to those under 18.

Solicitors' pay claim

Crown prosecutors will be asked by their union officials to endorse a large pay claim, including a 50 per cent increase for Saturday court sittings, at their annual meeting tomorrow.

The prosecutors' union, the First Division Association, has put foward a series of pay and career proposals in an effort to attract more lawyers into the work. Miss Robyn Dasey, assistant general secretary, said: "There is still a shortage of lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service; about a third of the posts are unfilled."

Sentences a 'lottery'

Probation officers call today for reform of prison sentencing because of widespread discrepancies in different magistrates courts.

A briefing paper by their association shows that the use of custody varied in 1986 between 8 and 39 per cent for adult males, 4 and 16 per cent for adult females and 4 and 22 per cent for males between 17 and 21.

Mr Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of National Association of Prison Officers, said yesterday that the system was a "geographical lottery".

Prison dilemma: page 5

Doctors' NHS plan

A group of hospital consultants has called for a compulsory insurance system, run by an independent corporation, to fund the National Health Service.

The Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association, which represents a minority of consultants, has sent its proposals to the Prime Minister. Its report says: "As long as taxation remains the major source for hospital funding, resources will always be inadequate".

Premiums would be related to income, with those of the poor and jobless paid by the Government.

Nets kill 2,000 birds

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds warned last night that there could be angry confrontations with fishermen off St Ives, Cornwall today unless they stop using "invisible" gill nets in which 2,000 sea birds have been trapped and killed in the past five weeks.

Mr John Waldon, South West conservation officer for the society, said: "Some fishermen may use these treacherous nets again despite the scandal of 538 birds dead in the space of one-and-a-half hours.

"If they do, and there are further deaths of these diving birds, we shall have no alternative but to go out in boats and confront them."

Lack of funds 'threatens development of cures'

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

The Government will be told next month that research in Britain into finding cures for many of the most prevalent diseases has fallen to a dangerously low level.

The decline has accelerated at a time when senior scientists believe they are on the verge of significant breakthroughs in tackling ailments, such as heart disease, arthritis and psychiatric disorders.

A House of Lords report is also expected to issue a warning that the struggle for funds, together with an ossified career structure, is leading to the best medical brains opting out of research or going abroad.

The most recent example has been the resignation because of health service cuts of Dr Alfred Cuschieri, a world-renowned professor of surgery at Birmingham University.

The report will be a further blow to the Government, already faced with a clamour to release more funds to the health service. It is the result of a year's investigation into the state of medical research by an influential Lords' science and technology committee.

The draft report, to be agreed by the peers on Thursday and published in March, is understood to call for an urgent review of research funds as part of the Government's scrutiny of health service spending. It is also likely to demand a new career structure for researchers and an attack on bureaucracy.

A total of 220 bodies including universities, charities, industry, government departments and the medical profession gave evidence.

They consistently followed the lead given by Sir David Weatherall, professor of clinical medicine at Oxford, who painted a picture of decline and despair.

"It is a great shame that we are facing this crisis at a time when the basic sciences are offering us the possibility of making the next 50 years the most exciting and productive for medical research. We must not miss this opportunity," Sir David concluded.

He listed examples of recent research which had brought benefits to patients:

- Prevention of rhesus haemolytic disease of the new-born.
- Detection of genetic disease.
- Development of penicillins and a new generation of antibiotics.
- Better treatment of childhood leukaemia.
- New drugs for healing ulcers of the stomach and duodenum.
- Development of artificial hip joints.
- Tissue-typing for transplants.
- New vaccines for infectious diseases.
- Powerful new diagnostic agents.

The peers are understood to agree with many of the conclusions of Sir David, backed up by other witnesses, whose evidence they have praised.

Sir David said: "British academic medicine is currently facing particularly serious problems and seems to have lost direction. There are many reasons. It has been hit hard by cuts in health service funding, with deterioration in the quality of teaching hospitals."

He said too many bodies were involved in the training of medical researchers. "The training of medical students and post-graduates is reaching a stage of organizational chaos. This is having the effect of stifling a great deal of our best talent."

Medical researchers also criticized the Department of Health and Social Security for its faceless bureaucrats.Sir David gave evidence to the peers immediately after attending a meeting at the World Society of Genetics. "I asked a number of my colleagues who runs the genetics services in their DHSS...and none of them knew."

- The latest advances in research into cystic fibrosis will be outlined at a conference in Scarborough from February 12 to 14 (Thomson Prentice writes).

The conference, organized by the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, is expected to draw almost 300 delegates.

The condition is the commonest genetically inherited disease, with 5 per cent of the British population symptomless carriers of the defective gene which causes it.

Wage link to productivity is blamed for inflation rise

By Roland Rudd

The Government was facing a problem on the pay front before the present upsurge in industrial unrest, according to a report published yesterday.

Incomes Data Services, an independent pay research group, believes the Government's explanation of an 8.25 per cent rise in average earnings to November 1987 is inadequate and misleading.

The Department of Employment attributed the rise to the high settlement for local authority manual workers, and overtime worked by those clearing up the storm damage in October.

"Blaming home helps and weather will not do", the report says. The group believes there is a complex set of factors which has contributed to the underlining trend, the stronger economic growth of 1987 being a prime factor.

Mr Roger Bootle, economic adviser to Lloyds Merchant Bank, said yesterday: "It appears we are back with the old British problem. Economic growth leads to large pay settlements which pushes up inflation."

As output has risen, earnings in manufacturing have been buoyed up by increased overtime and higher output-related bonuses.

At the beginning of 1987, although overtime working was above the level of a year earlier, it was only adding about 0.25 per cent to annual earnings growth in manufacturing.

By October/November 1987 it had surged ahead. The group now forecasts that it will be accounting for about 1.5 per cent of the annual earnings growth.

However, despite the impact of overtime bonuses on earnings, the group does not believe it fully explains the upward pay trend. Its findings show that output, more than overtime, closely explains the underlining rate of earnings in the manufacturing sector.

In the motor vehicles sector, manufacturing output rose sharply in 1987 and average earnings rose by 10.5 per cent in the year to October 1987.

Earnings growth in some sectors, such as metal manufacturers, has been fuelled by output-related bonuses.

The report shows that with a low and stable retail price trend, employers have been able to reach pay settlements where the basic element is a little ahead of inflation: 4 to 6 per cent. Further additions and changes have led to increases closer to 7 or even 10 per cent.

Recruitment and retention difficulties have also led to a wide range of extra payments outside or on top of annual pay reviews.

Manufacturing industries represent less than a quarter of all employees. In the service industries, which account for 68 per cent, there have been exceptional "catching up" awards, such as those for teachers and nurses.

The Department of Employment has been relatively quiet over the recent earnings movement in the expanding finance sector, and yet the study shows that it has consistently had the highest level of earnings growth within the economy as a whole.

IDS Report 513 (Incomes Data Services, 193 St John Street, London EC1V 4LS).

First Ford pickets prepare for strike

Union members Martin Finan, (left), Mark Howard, (centre), and Bob Cady get ready for the picket at Ford's Dagenham plant in east London where an indefinite strike of workers began at midnight last night (Photograph; Denzil McNeelance).

Effects of the walkout

Dispute will hit Euro plants

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Production of Ford cars and vans on the Continent will be quickly halted by the strike at the company's 22 British plants because of a recently introduced policy of keeping low stocks of components.

Problems are expected to arise within days of the British walkout.

In the nine-week wage strike of 1978, the European plants continued production for several weeks, using second sources of parts as the supply from Britain dried up.

A spokesman at the Genk plant in Belgium said yesterday that production of the Transit van will be stopped by Tuesday because of a shortage of engines and other components from Britain.

Of the 11,000 workforce, 2,500 will be laid off this week. "It is not the first time we have had to lay people off because of worker problems in England", he added.

Ironically, it will probably not be the lack of engines or bonnets that halts all the foreign production lines, but something so small and incidental that it is only produced at a single factory. Without a particular bracket, for instance, it may not be possible to fit the engine or another key component and production would have to be halted.

Yesterday, Ford said no decision had been taken on whether to try to continue production in foreign plants.

By the start of the 1980s, Ford management decided that the cost advantages of producing many important components at a single plant could no longer be ignored in spite of the obvious difficulties in the event of a strike.

The vulnerability of the European network of component plants and car assembly factories to a strike was increased by reducing the costly inventory stocks at every point in the long manufacturing process. The "pipeline" of parts to the overseas factories is now measured in days rather than weeks.

Workers' average pay £204

By Andrew Morgan

Ford's semi-skilled workers are mid-way down the wages league table, having rejected a three-year package which would have increased their pay almost immediately by £13 a week and by £41.50 over three years.

The best-paid workers are at Austin Rover, where a semi-skilled day-shift employee earns a basic £180 per week plus an average combined productivity and efficiency bonus of £35, a total of £215.

At Jaguar the average semi-skilled assembly worker earns a total of about £210.

The 12,500 semi-skilled men and 350 women in Ford's 32,000 workforce work alternate day and night shifts, earning a basic £184, plus an £8.50 supplementary payment, formerly known as the "attendance allowance". There is an additional 4 per cent productivity bonus and an extra 2 per cent if they meet an agreed definition of a line worker, bringing the weekly average to £204.

Vauxhall's workforce earns an average of £197, including productivity deals, but the company points out that an offer was made last September which would have taken average pay to £212. Nissan, with different structures among its workforce of 1,000, estimates that its mid-range earns about £190 a week.

Peugot-Talbot says that workers on grades equivalent to semi-skilled earn, with bonuses, just over £170 a week.

Productivity gap is closing

Ford's Dagenham and Halewood plants have narrowed the productivity gap with the company's four Continental plants during the last two years but even in 1991, British productivity is expected to be 20 per cent worse than that of the German factories.

The British plants have been set the objective of bettering the quality of rivals Fiat, Opel, Peugeot and Renault by 1991 to match Japanese levels of reliability.

Dagenham's productivity was improving by 7 per cent a year until 1985, when a new pay and conditions agreement swept away 500 job titles and replaced them with just 52. Efficiency leapt by 11 per cent to be followed by a 14 per cent improvement in 1986.

Yet last year, Ford's British workers still took 60 per cent longer to assemble cars than the Continental plants, though the deficiency on engine building was just 10 per cent. By comparison, the Japanese will build an engine in half the time, about 1.5 hours.

Improved productivity for engine building won Dagenham a £150 million investment for a new petrol engine plant which was to go to Germany.

It was only in 1986, helped by a shift in exchange rates, that the British plants for the first time made cars more cheaply than they could be imported from Ford's foreign factories.

Wage rates are an important factor in Britain becoming more competitive in the car industry. For key car making countries, UK labour costs are among the lowest. German costs are now the highest in world.

The Halewood transmission factory is Ford's best component plant and workers there once asked to change the name of their plant as the more militant car assembly workers had given the plant a bad name in the 1970s.

On a European basis, Ford is one of the most efficient car makers along with Fiat, but Nissan's Sunderland plant can build cars for £200 less.

Speelman to play Short in qualifier

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The play-off to decide the last two qualifiers for the quarter-final of the world chess championship resulted in two upsets.

Johann Hjartarson, the relatively inexperienced Icelander, caught out his opponent Viktor Korchnoi in the complex middle game in the second game of their play-off. Korchnoi deliberately sought complications but committed a terrible oversight which suddenly lost him material. Hjartarson won by 4½ points to 3½.

In the second play-off, which had gone into extra time, two times Commonwealth champion Kevin Spraggett from Canada defeated his heavily-fancied opponent Andrei Sokolov (USSR) who was placed third in the previous world championship cycle.

After a lengthy sequence of drawn games the match went into sudden-death play-offs. Spraggett finally won when Sokolov overlooked a knight fork to his king and queen. Spraggett won by 6½ points to 5½.

The line-up for the quarter-finals is: Anatoly Karpov (USSR) against Spraggett; Nigel Short (England) against Jon Speelman (England); Artur Yusupov (USSR) against Hjartarson; Jan Timman (The Netherlands) against Lajos Portisch (Hungary).

The pairings are based on seedings according to the strength of the players. It is unfortunate that the two Englishmen must apparently play each other, but this pairing will at least guarantee the qualification of a British player to the world championship semi-finals, a first for British chess. It is also worth noting that England and the USSR are the only countries with two players through to the quarter-final stage.

Wrangling to hit launch of SLDP

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Disputes rows over the allocation of party political broadcasts and the disposal of assets are set to damage the proposed launch of the Social and Liberal Democratic party next month.

The wrangling between the two wings of the Social Democratic party threatens to overshadow the plans underway for a successful public launch of the newly-merged party and cause a further loss of support among potential voters.

Both sides are preparing for a struggle over the distribution of party political broacasts, the SDP's assets and the allocation of Short money – the cash provided by the taxpayer for funding the parliamentary activities of opposition parties.

Dr David Owen has infuriated the pro-merger wing of the SDP by getting the right to a 10-minute broadcast on March 9 when the new SLDP is to be launched. His supporters will not say whether he planned to use the opportunity to appeal directly to the public for their backing.

His opponents are furious that it gives him an enormous propaganda platform in the week when the newly merged party wants to be the centre of attention.

The importance of being able to have a broadcast in the week of the launch was recognised by all the interested parties because both Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberals and Mr Robert Maclennan, leader of the SDP, applied for the television slot.

Mr Steel has been turned down and while the Owenite camp said yesterday that their broadcast would go ahead, supporters of Mr Maclennan have protested to the broadcasting committee of parliamentary and television officials who will meet in the next 10 days to decide finally which wing of the squabbling party shall make the broadcast.

The broadcasting authorities have made clear that they would prefer the matter to be sorted out within the SDP. Mr Maclennan's supporters are refusing to accept a decision of the SDP national committee and SDP parliamentary committee that if the party split there should be a fair division of political broadcasts and that the Short money of about £55,000 a year should be split in favour of the Owenites.

Challenge to Kinnock

Left divided over strategy

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr Bryan Gould yesterday criticized as impotent a group on the left of the Labour Partythat is seeking to challenge Mr Neil Kinnock for the leadership.

As Mr Gould was warning of the damage that a leadership election would cause, clear signs emerged of divisions and doubt within the hard left about the wisdom of forcing such a contest.

Leading figures in the Campaign Group of MPs are worried that an election could result in a reinforcement of Mr Kinnock's leadership, and risk further humiliation and a loss of influence for the left.

Despite speculation at Westminster that Mr Tony Benn may be persuaded to challenge the Labour leader, the MP for Chesterfield appeared to acknowledge the difficulties he would face.

He said that while between 80 and 90 per cent would agree with his arguments, "in any election the majority might not reflect that opinion. We have got to win the argument."

Mr Benn admitted that it was a novel idea to have a debate without a candidature

He was making a total critique of party policy, its right wing drift and the manner in which the leadership was attempting to seize all political power for itself.

The division over hard left strategy was highlighted when Mr Eric Heffer said a number of people would be prepared to stand in a leadership contest, while Miss Clare Short said that unless Mr Benn stood, there was not a credible candidate.

Heterosexuals to be targets of Aids drive

Heterosexuals are to be the particular target of a new government Aids campaign to be launched this week to try and overcome an attitude of "it can't happen to me". Television and newspaper advertisements will urge women, as well as men, to take precautions.

Dr Spencer Hagard, chief executive of the Health Education Authority, spoke of dangerously relaxed attitude shown by some people. "We know the homosexual response is changing dramatically. We know there is a fade-off in interest among the community at large."

The advertisements will concentrate of the danger of one-off, casual relationships.

A Home Office video about Aids is to be shown to 49,000 prisoners in the summer because of concern about the spread of the disease among prostitutes and drug addicts. Fifty four people in jails have been found to be HIV positive.

Ill-treatment of Filipino servants leads to ban

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Filipino women have been banned from going abroad to work as servants until agreement is reached with other countries to guarantee protection from exploitation.

Mr Edmundo Libid, Consul General at the Philippine embassy in London, said yesterday that his government had received many complaints of mistreatment.

The Department of Labour in Manila would not approve contracts for employing women as domestics, except in diplomatic or royal households. Mr Libid said the legislation would not affect people already in Britain.

Roman Catholic human rights workers in Britain, concerned about the abuse of Filipino domestic staff, are to seek full legal status for them. According to the Commission for Filipine Migrant Workers, many are forced to take unauthorized jobs after escaping from physical abuse, or sexual harassment by foreign employers who have brought them to Britain from abroad.

Father Keiran Heneghan, chaplin to the Filipino community, said girls had been sent to him by police after they had been ill-treated and runaway.

One Filipino woman, aged 29, was too nervous to give her real name. She said yesterday that she had left her employer, an Arab, because of sexual harassment. Before she came with him and his family to this country he asked her to be his mistress but she refused.

Once here, he made further advances. Though he had her passport, she ran away. She was frightened of the influence wielded by her employer, a rich man, back in Abu Dhabi. A solicitor got her passport back from the hotel, where she and the family had been staying.

She now works with two families, part-time, and as an office cleaner at night.

Roman Catholic workers say the Filipinos' plight springs from a decision by the Department of Employment to discontinue the work permit scheme for live-in domestics.

The Home Office said: "If they (Filipino servants) are in a situation in this country which they regard as intolerable, it is open to them to apply to their own government for assistance to return home".

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Building societies investigated over 'conveyancing bias'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Office of Fair Trading is investigating complaints that a number of building societies are discriminating against licensed conveyancers by refusing to instruct them to do their side of the conveyancing in a house purchase.

The practice, generally by the smaller building societies, means that the house buyer who goes to a licensed conveyancer is being forced to pay an extra £150 or more on top of his fee to that conveyancer.

Normally building societies and banks instruct the person doing the conveyancing for the house buyer to double up and do their side as well, which saves considerably on costs to the client.

However, the 100 or so licensed conveyancers who came into being with the ending of the solicitors' so-called conveyancing monopoly are finding some building societies insist that their own solicitors must be instructed to do their side of the work.

The Council for Licensed Conveyancers has raised the matter with the Office of Fair Trading after complaints from conveyancers.

One of them, Mr Christopher Giles, a licensed conveyancer in Brighton, said: "The Administration of Justice Act 1985 was designed to break the monopoly of conveyancing services provided by solicitors. But this seems to have been only partially successful."

If a building society or lending bank refuses to instruct the conveyancer, he cannot provide a competitive and economical service.

"The clearing banks and the larger building societies have been wonderful", he said. "They treat us like solicitors. But with the smaller ones, I feel that clients coming to us are not getting a good deal."

He added that licensed conveyancers "rightly" had to surmount a number of obstacles before being allowed to practise, including examinations of a high standard.

They then had to find £2,000 for a licence fee to cover insurance and a compensation fund; plus a further outlay if they wanted to give financial advice under the Financial Services Act, 1986.

"On top of this we now have this further obstacle from the smaller societies. It seems quite unfair."

Mr Nigel Osner, of the Council for Licensed Conveyancers, said he knew of about nine building societies who refused to instruct conveyancers or who were "considering their position".

In some cases they said their rules prevented them from instructing anyone but solicitors. They include: the Bristol and West, Bath Investment and Building Society, Town and Country, Leeds and Holbeck, Heart of England and Skipton. Banks include the American City Bank and Chemical Bank.

"It's the same problem for some one-man solicitors' firms", he said. "But it is very irritating because our members feel they are being treated as second-class citizens."

Some small societies are thought to be worried about the reliability of sole practitioners, but Mr Osner said there was no evidence that conveyancers would be more dishonest than anyone else.

There is also believed to be concern that some small societies may have a link with a particular solicitor that they are not willing to break.

Mr Osner has raised the issue both with the Building Societies' Association, which was supportive and had circulated its members, and the Office of Fair Trading.

The Office of Fair Trading is writing to all the bodies concerned but has no power to intervene.

In the meantime, Mr Osner said he thought there was a need for the licensed conveyancers to form a professional body which could take up issues such as this.

The Council for Licensed Conveyancers was a regulatory body, like the General Medical Council for doctors, but unlike the Law Society, it was not also a trade association as well.

London through the eyes of a refusenik

Mr Faermark and his wife Andrea adding to the smiles in a sunny London yesterday, three weeks after leaving Moscow (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

By Ruth Gledhill

For a Soviet physicist in London, Mr Viktor Faermark has the intellect and insight but not yet the language fully to explain his amazement. "My head is spinning. It is too much to take in all at once."

Mr Faermark, aged 47, has spent the best years of his life fighting a battle to leave the Soviet Union to live with the woman he loves, now Mrs Faermark but formerly Miss Andrea Wine, an American management consultant, of Pimlico, south-west London.

The couple's joy was complete when they finally took part in a marriage ceremony at a north London synagogue last Thursday, two years after they were officially married in a civil ceremony in Moscow.

Mr Faermark, who first met his wife and fell in love while she was studying Russian at Leningrad University in 1973, said last night that his one regret since leaving Moscow and arriving in London three weeks ago, was that he had not had enough time alone with Andrea.

He has been too busy grappling with the concept of the deceptively miraculous cashpoint machines, Harrods' food hall, an abundance of restaurants and clothes shops and hot and cold water taps.

"It is pleasant just to walk around the streets and look at the smiles on the faces. In the Soviet Union, no one smiles. The atmosphere here is quite different. People celebrate every night the way we do maybe twice a year, on May 1 and Labour Day. There is so much choice. Here, I am afraid to buy anything in case I see something better in the next shop.

"The streets in Moscow are so wide, they are impossible to cross. Here, you take a few steps and you are over the other side."

In Moscow, Mr Faermark lived in a small flat, where he shared a kitchen and bathroom with neighbours, and where hot and cold water came mixed out of one tap. In London he is living with his wife in a luxurious three-storey Georgian house with a tiny icon on the coffee table and two Russian paintings on the walls, the only material reminders of the sparse life he has left behind.

The couple met two years after Mr Faermark first applied to leave, in 1971. Labelled a Jewish dissident, he openly sided with the refuseniks and instantly lost his job and said goodbye to a career in the field of semiconductors.

In the next few weeks, the Faermarks will fly to Israel, where they will celebrate the Feast of the Passover, the symbolic anniversary of the Jews' exodus to freedom, on a kibbutz with 240 friends and distant relatives that Mr Faermark has not met and, until recently, did not know he had.

Heart risk cut by tins of beans

By Jill Sherman

Tinned baked beans are more likely to reduce the risk of heart disease than other types of high-fibre vegetables, according to research scientists from the Agricultural and Food Research Council.

The researchers carried out a series of experiments on pigs at the council base at Shinfield, Reading, and found that eating baked beans in tomato sauce reduced cholesterol levels in the animals by nearly a third.

They then repeated the experiments on 17 students at Surrey University, Guildford and again found marked reductions in blood cholesterol levels. This time the tests showed a 10-12 per cent drop in cholesterol levels within three days.

Students were asked to eat a pound tin of baked beans every day for three weeks on top of their normal diet. After the experiment the same students were asked to eat a pound of tinned spaghetti every day.

"We found that the cholesterol levels rose as soon as the students stopped eating baked beans, but this was not because they had stopped eating other fatty food. When they ate spaghetti instead the cholesterol levels did not drop," said the council.

"We do not think that we can explain the effect purely on high fibre levels. When we were testing the pigs we found that other high fibre pulses were less effective than baked beans."

The council said the researchers were now looking at a variety of factors which could have modified the students' fat metabolism.

'Make divorcing couples seek help'

Couples should be required to undergo statutory counselling before a court may accept marriages have "irretrievably" broken down, say campaigners who are trying to arrest the accelerating divorce rate.

The National Campaign for the Family made the proposal in response to a study on marriage and divorce in Britain by the independent Family Policy Studies Centre.

It shows the divorce rate is still rising and couples are ending their marriages earlier.

Almost 40 per cent of marriages in 1986 were second marriages for one of the parties — and one in eight for both.

The author of the study, researcher Melanie Henwood, said: "Marriage today remains a popular institution, even second or third time around. But marriages are now less likely to stand the test of time."

Professor Richard Whitfield, director of the National Campaign for the Family, called yesterday for the repeal of the 1984 divorce legislation. "It is time to look again not just at the 1984 Act but at procedures which could change the climate in favour of marriage.

"We would like to see no divorce before three years of marriage — or the third birthday of the youngest child — and the onus on a couple to undergo counselling.

"We believe courts should tell couples to go away and think again."

Miss Henwood said: "I am sure some couples might decide they wanted to stay together with the right kind of counselling. But for others, anything that prolonged a marriage doomed to failure would be like hell on earth".

Training move to deal with violence at work

The Industrial Society is to hold a conference to look at ways of helping employees deal with potentially violent situations at work.

Sue Heaton, of the society, said aggression at work affects every category of employee. "In the extremes the consequences can be tragic, like the case of the missing estate agent Suzy Lamplugh or more recently, Stuart Gough, who was murdered doing his paper round", she said.

Speakers at the conference, Action Against Aggression, on February 16, include Mrs Diana Lamplugh, Suzy Lamplugh's mother, Tony Black, former chief psychologist at Broadmoor Hospital, and a training officer from Marks and Spencer, which has a programme for training staff to deal with aggression.

Frances Sacker, head of the Industrial Society's retail and services department, said: "There is growing concern for the safety of staff at work.

"Besides severe stress in society, many service outlets such as booking offices and service stations have extended opening hours but reduced staff by introducing new technology."

Canine event to rival Crufts

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

An annual dog event scheduled to coincide with Crufts, and with almost as many varieties of breed, gets underway at Bonhams auction house next Monday.

The Dogs in Art sale includes paintings and other canine collectables ranging in price from about £30 to £20,000. The Victorians are responsible for much of the material. Artists such as George Armfield made a career out of painting dogs.

Victorian dogs are seldom portrayed raising their hackles, although a picture by George Morland has two mongrels fighting over a meal. Usually they appear in constructive pursuits: pointing during a shoot; presenting a dead duck; or simply posing.

Some items have added interest. An engraving of a Pomeranian, after a painting by Sir Edwin Landseer, is inscribed by the artist: "To Mrs Eatwell in recollection of the kindness in sending me the Spanial puppy". A studded dog collar, engraved with "I am Bob, Mrs King's dog, take me back to 1 Sloane Gardens, London SW", has an estimate of up to £200.

Dogs in Art can be viewed at Bonhams in Knightsbridge, south-west London, all this week.

The big two auction houses, Sotheby's and Christie's, have taken crucial roles in recognizing and reporting stolen artwork consigned to them recently. Christie's in New York acted quickly when a client brought in a £200,000 painting by Georges Rouault.

They rang the artist's granddaughter in France to check the provenance of the painting of Christ. She told them it had been stolen from a gallery in the United States. Christie's contacted the International Foundation for Art Research, a New York-based body which keeps a list of stolen art objects. They also contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A man has been arrested and is awaiting trial.

Last month Sotheby's in London came across four Greek icons which fitted the description of icons stolen from the island of Kefallinia in September. "We contacted the Greek embassy and the police", said Sotheby's. The icons were identified and a Greek woman has been arrested.

Two stylish Patek Philippe wristwatches fetched resounding top prices at Sotheby's in New York on Friday evening. One, a gold calendar watch of the model "Calatrava", circa 1935, fetched $198,000.

'Prisoners at the Bar', by Charles Dudley, estimated at £400 to £600, one of the paintings in Bonhams' Dogs in Art sale.

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US threat to halt airport expansion at Manchester

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Bureaucratic difficulties and red tape are blocking the development of Manchester airport and depriving thousands of air passengers in the North of direct services to the United States.

Three American airlines want to fly direct from Manchester to cities in the US and both British Airways and Virgin Atlantic want to open up new routes. But before any services can begin Civil Servants on both sides of the Atlantic must formally agree to amend the existing air services agreement.

Despite extensive lobbying no formal date for a meeting has been agreed and the American airlines are now threatening to drop their plans.

Mr Nigel Schofield, marketing director of Manchester Airport, said: "We are in a crazy situation. Manchester was somehow left off the agreement signed in 1985 covering the provision of air services between Britain and America. So US airlines can now only fly to Heathrow, Gatwick or Prestwick without a formal amendment to the agreement.

"Both American Airlines and Northwest want to begin scheduled services from Manchester this summer and they are convinced that they can tap into the huge potential market in the North-west".

Part of the problem is that each side is anxious to use the talks to win other arguments. The Americans want Government action to curtail what they regard as excessive landing charges levied on them by the British Airports Authority, and the British want greater freedom for British carriers to pick up passengers in cities beyond the main European "gateways".

● British airlines which have invested heavily in new Airbus jets may be banned from using them at night at Gatwick airport because of stricter noise limits imposed by the Department of Transport — even though the aircraft are classified as "quiet" under international regulations.

Mr Murdo MacKenzie and the Skye ferry Glenachulish, which is for sale at more than £50,000 (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

The old Skye boat is going for a song

By Kerry Gill

The boat taking people over the sea to Skye is for sale, after 30 years in the hands of Mr Murdo "The Ferryman" MacKenzie.

Each weekday between May and September, the Glenachulish plies between Glenelg, on the west coast of Scotland, and Kylerhea. The last privately-owned car ferry in Scotland provides a vital link between the mainland and Skye.

The crossing dates back hundreds of years and is the oldest route to the isle. Although the shortest, it is also the most perilous, with riptides sometimes running at up to 12 knots. Drovers used to swim their cattle across the sound from the Skye crofts to market on the mainland, and many of the animals perished.

Mr MacKenzie, aged 65 in May, announced yesterday that he is to retire. He lives at Glenelg and, with his wife Rosemary, runs a croft with 100 sheep.

"I have got to retire some time, but I will make sure the ferry service is sold to someone who will make a go of it first." Without the ferry, he said, Glenelg's economy would be ruined.

To reach Glenelg, motorists have to cross the formidable Mam Ratagan pass, a single track road that rises more than 1,000 feet with sheer drops on either side. The ferry can take only a few vehicles but, during the summer, Mr Mackenzie reckons to carry more than 10,000 cars to and from the isle.

He charges £3.40 per car for the 10-minute crossing, with a 1p toll on each vehicle exacted by the laird. Mr MacKenzie says he will consider offers of more than £50,000 for the ferry service.

Glenelg used to be a particularly busy village before the crossings from Mallaig and Kyle of Lochalsh were established.

WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

Chink in Downing Street's ice floes

Faint noises from the suite of offices on the north side of Downing Steet have been audible over the past few days. Could it be the sound of ice breaking at the very centre of government? Not melting, you understand, but the first signal that the floes at the heart of Whitehall are frangible.

First, the saga of Professor Bernard Ingham. Or should that read Professor Sir Bernard Ingham? For the Prime Minister's press secretary will not leave Whitehall without a knighthood and might — the precedent was set by Harold Macmillan's pioneering PR man, Harold Evans — even merit a baronetcy.

Mr Ingham was once an official in the Department of Energy. An academic contact from those days at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne raised with him the possibility of his becoming the first director of a centre for the study of political communication.

The centre's promoter, Hugh Berrington, a professor of politics, says "academe is full of controversial figures" and envisages the Prime Minister's man teaching and consulting on the relations between a company and the Civil Service. "Lobbying is a troublesome word; it immediately focuses people on parliamentary liaison, which is quite misleading."

And there the idea hangs.

The professors have yet to find the money for a project that the University Grants Committee is unlikely to fund. Officially, Mr Ingham is "not available". But the centre is not scheduled to open until 1989.

The mere hint of Mr Ingham's possible retirement caused a great fluttering in the dovecotes, far greater than the news that Mr John Major is to chair the "presentation" Cabinet committee, which in principle oversees the work of the Government Information Service.

The real power has been wrested by Mr Ingham, whose writ runs at the regular Monday meeting of information officers. No successor could hope to establish his personal ascendancy, even if, as appears likely, his successor is one of the team of Downing Street assistants which has spread out to fill the press offices of Whitehall.

The other stirring was evident in an office very close to Mr Ingham's, belonging to the Cabinet Secretary. Or should that be Head of the Home Civil Service?

Sir Robin Butler, who succeeded Lord Armstrong at the end of December, has donned his second hat with relish. He has begun a grand tour of Civil Service outstations, talking to the troops, registering their grievances and patting their backs.

It is easy to mock this kind of exercise - as union leaders surely will — which will take Butler this week to one of HM Prisons and later to a DHSS local office. But refined stroking probably does cheer people up, especially when after listening to grievances about child care and the promotion of women, Butler inveighs (most discreetly) against the bad press Civil Servants often get.

So far so good. But Butler, wittingly or not, is stoking expectations by such attentiveness. He may gently tell his clerks that pay is dealt with by the Treasury under tight formulae, but the utility of this series of visits surely lies in his eventually dealing with the pressing issues of relative rewards and the impact of pay on general morale.

Sooner or later, too, his shopfloor staff are going to ask him the week's 64,000 dollar question: what on earth does the report by Sir Robin Ibbs' on de-coupling various government agencies from their parent departments mean for us - for social security administration, for the prison service, the Stationery Office, for Customs and Excise? Would the Head of the Home Civil Service have any standing, and hence any cause to visit the staff of a devolved value added tax administration? The Cabinet Office and the Treasury have recently succeeded in giving the clear impression that they don't actually know the answer.

Motorway repairs

Channon seeking toll road talks

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, is expected within the next few months to take the first step which could lead to the introduciton of privately-financed toll roads in Britain.

He would like to find ways of involving private capital in the road-building programme, though it is thought that his department's thinking on the issue has yet to crystallize into a firm policy.

It is expected that among his first steps, probably in the spring, will be to have talks with merchant banks, building contractors and developers to get their views.

Already it is planned for Trafalgar House to build and finance the construction of a bridge across the Thames at Dartford.

It is also hoped that private capital will be involved in the construction of a second crossing of the Severn.

Costain, the building contractors, recently put forward proposals which would cost several billion pounds, to be financed privately, for a tunnel along the bed of the Thames and the construction of a second tier over the M25.

A spokesman for the British Road Federation said he could not see why Mr Channon should move towards privately financed toll roads.

Motorists already paid in taxation more than the Department spent on roads.

Major roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M1 London: Lane closures southbound near Scratchwood services.
M11 Essex: Lane closures and speed restrictions at jn 8 (Bishop's Stortford).
M11 Essex: Contraflow, jns 8-10 (Bishop's Stortford-Duxford).
M275 Hampshire: Flyover construction between M27 and Rudmore roundabout.
A1 Bedfordshire: Single line working southbound with 30mph speed limit. Serious peak hour congestion.

Midlands

M5 West Bromwich: Lane closures, jns 1-2 (West Bromwich-Dudley).
M5 Hereford/Worcester: Contraflow jns 5-6 (Droitwich-Worcester North). Northbound entry slips at jn 6 closed. Various lane restrictions and overnight closures jns 4-8 (Bromsgrove-M50).

North

M6 Cheshire: Off-peak lane closures jns 16-18 (Kidsgrove-Middlewich).
M6 Cheshire: Lane closures jns 20-21 (M56-Warrington).
M56 Greater Manchester: Resurfacing and contraflow jns 4-6 (M57-A5058).
M62 West Yorkshire: Contraflow jns 25-26 (Brighouse-M606 Bradford).
M63 Greater Manchester: Single line traffic jns 3-6. Long delays likely. Allow extra time for journeys to Manchester airport.
M63 Greater Manchester: Restrictions for widening of Barton Bridge. Serious peak hour congestion.
A1 (M) South Yorkshire: Contraflow and slip road closures between A635 interchange at Marr and A638 interchange at Redhouse. Signposted diversions.
M62 Greater Manchester: Lane closures jns 12-14 (Eccles interchange with M63/M602-M61/A580 interchange).
M63 Greater Manchester: Construction of M63 flyover at Portwood roundabout, Stockport.

Wales and the West

M4 Wiltshire: Lane restrictions, both carriageways, jns 14-15 (Swindon/Hungerford).
M4 Wiltshire: Lane closures at jn 15 (Swindon).
M4 Wales: Lane closures at jn 29 (A48M).
M4 Wales: Lane closures jns 34-37 (Llantrisant/Porthcawl).
M5 Gloucestershire: Lane closures jns 9-12 (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).
M5 Somerset: Lane closures jns 23-26 (Bridgwater/Wellington).

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M8 Lothian: Eastbound traffic on hard shoulder only at jn 3 (A899). Eastbound entry slip at jn 3 closed.
M8 Strathclyde: Eastbound lane closures jns 15-16 (Glasgow city centre-Townhead). Eastbound entry slip at jn 16 and eastbound exit slip at jn 15 closed.
M9 Central: Inside lane closed westbound jns 5-6 (Grangemouth-Falkirk).
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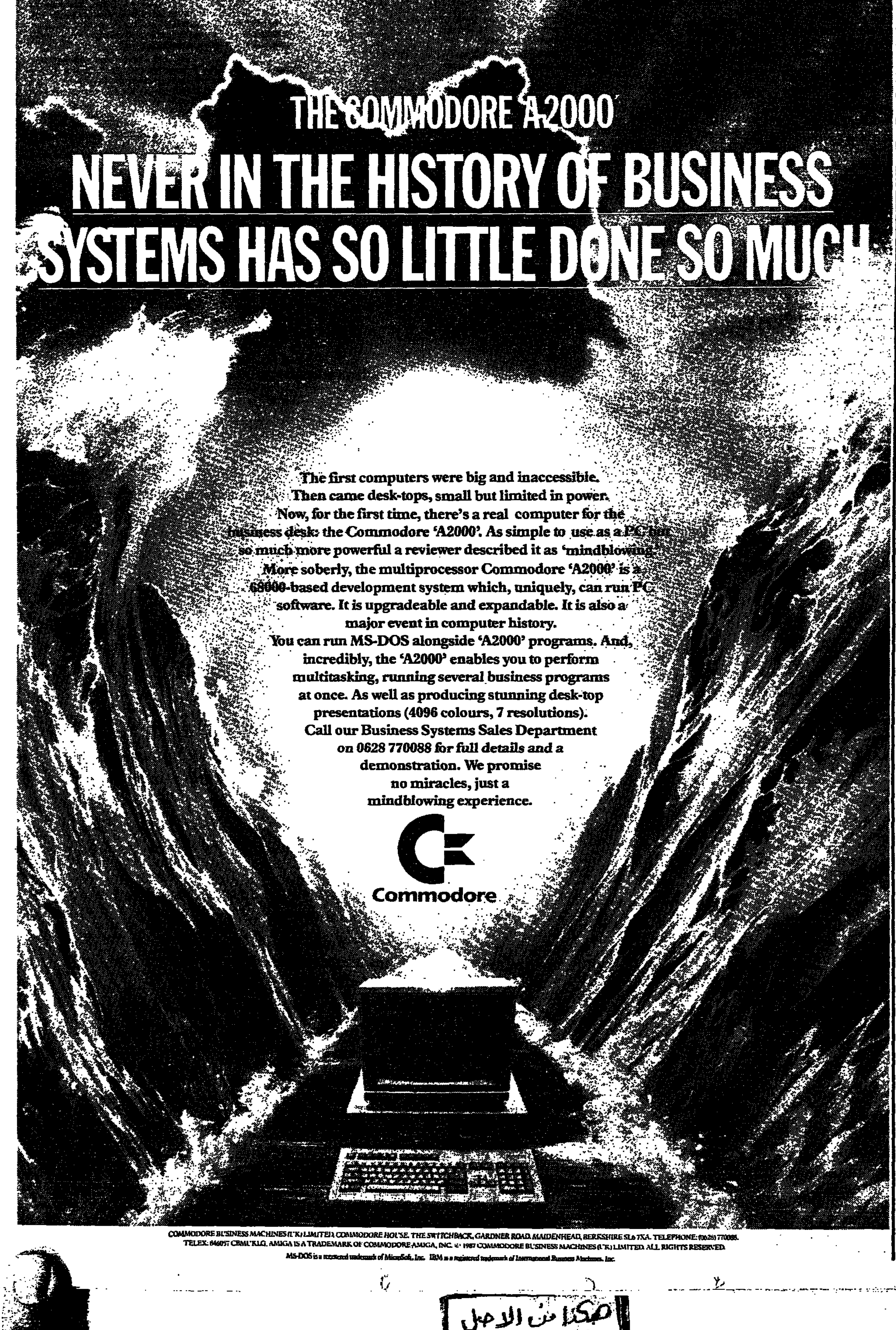
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Wife denied last goodbye to dying man by late mail

The Post Office is criticized today by the National Consumer Council over late mail deliveries.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, council chairman, has written to the Post Office chairman, Sir Bryan Nicholson, complaining that delays are causing acute personal distress, financial loss and hardship.

She expressed the "unanimous deep concern" of council members about the present unsatisfactory state of the postal service.

Mrs Oppenheim-Barnes also condemned a recent suggestion of a premium charge to guarantee next-day delivery of first-class post.

"If a milkman told his customers that they would have to pay extra to have their milk delivered on time, disgruntled customers would doubtless take their business elsewhere", she said. "Post Office customers have nowhere else to go."

She described one case, reported by a council member, in which a woman was on holiday in a cottage without a telephone when her husband was admitted to hospital.

"Her daughter wrote to her by first-class post. The letter took five days to arrive.

"After two days, when the daughter had still not heard from her mother and the father's condition was worsening, she contacted police who traced her mother. She left immediately for the hospital but arrived just too late – her husband had died. Had the Post Office delivered the letter promptly, she might have had the opportunity to say goodbye to her husband of 37 years."

Delay in delivering social security payments can also mean real hardship for those who depend on them for essentials and there had been cases where notices threatening to cut off consumers for non-payment of fuel bills arrived in the same post as the delayed bills.

The Post Office said: "We handle 50 million letters a day and the overwhelming majority arrive on time. However, we understand any customer feeling let down when an individual letter does not arrive on time. We will be looking into the cases raised by the NCC."

The Royal Mail was spending £18 million this financial year to improve service. Some of the frustration experienced by customers over the past year was due to a series of unofficial industrial disruptions, a spokesman said.

"We hope these troubles are behind us with the acceptance this week by the Union of Communiction Workers of a wide-ranging agreement with the Post Office which will give benefits to both customers and staff."

Commenting on a possible "third letter tier", the spokesman said: "This was raised during a wide-ranging discussion at a recent hearing of the Select Committee on Trade and Industry. It was made perfectly clear that it was just one of a number of possibilities."

The flying pink frogs

Scientists think they have solved the riddle of the pink frogs of Cirencester.

Hundreds of them were found hopping around the Wiltshire town after a storm last summer, startling drivers and shoppers.

Now, after months of research, the *Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation* has an answer: they flew in, airlifted from the sands of the Sahara desert.

Freak winds sucked them up and carried them thousands of miles to Cirencester where they were dumped in a rainstorm, which also left cars covered in pink sand.

The frogs sink deep in the desert to escape the heat and are dyed pink by crystals in the sand.

Rescue plans revised after disaster exercise

By Mark Ellis

Procedures for handling rail crashes in Britain are expected to be revised this week after Operation Gateway, the biggest simulated disaster exercise mounted in Britain.

More than forty observers from the police, fire, ambulance, hospital and voluntary services watched yesterday as three hundred volunteer passengers, 15 of them seriously injured, were led from a rail tunnel.

The operation, organized before the King's Cross fire in which 31 people died, was planned to test the speed, skill and co-ordination of the emergency services.

Chief Supt Alan Botwood, of British Transport Police, who directed the exercise, said last night: "I am sure we will learn lessons for the future if we are unfortunate enough to have another disaster like King's Cross."

The private debriefing on Wednesday will concentrate on ways to improve liaison between the British Transport, City of London and Metropolitan police forces as well as other emergency services, and to evacuate casualties more quickly.

Safety procedures for working in tunnels, control of traffic, dealing with the relatives of victims and the Press will be considered.

Yesterday's operation was delayed for an hour until it was confirmed that power had been switched off on an electrified track. Firemen said that in a real emergency they would cut the track power and that the hitch was only a technical delay.

A "survivor" is helped from the tunnel by firemen during the derailment exercise (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

In the exercise, a rush-hour London commuter train on the Moorgate to Welywn Garden City, Hertfordshire, line was derailed in a two-and-a-half mile tunnel near Old Street Station, London. Fire broke out after two 11,000-volt cables broke. Realism was reinforced by dimmed lights. Rescuers wore breathing apparatus but smoke was forbidden in case it caused panic among the volunteer passengers.

Three miles away, 100 passengers waiting for a train at Essex Road Station were led to safety because of the fire caused by the accident. To avoid complacency on the part of the emergency services, a fire hydrant failed to work and a man unexpectedly ran into the station shouting "my wife's on board" and tried, unsuccessfully, to get on to the supposedly smoke-logged platform.

Travellers passing the exercise were handed a note explaining that they were not witnessing a real disaster.

Hurd fails to stem 2,000 rise in jail population

The Government is losing its battle to reduce the size of the prison population. In the first of two articles, Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, analyses the new initiatives and the dilemma facing the authorities.

The prison population of England and Wales is 2,000 more than this time last year and, although the capacity of the prison system has increased by 1,234 places in that time, an extra 454 remand prisoners are being held in police cells.

The rise in population comes in spite of measures taken by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to cut numbers.

Mr Paul Cavadino, senior information officer for the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said: "In August last year the Home Secretary increased the amount of remission from one third to one half on sentences of 12 months or less, which cut the prison population by 3,000.

"If he hadn't done that, it would be 5,000 higher, instead of 2,000."

In addition, more than 1,000 prison cells are empty because of the need for refurbishment and the refusal of prison officers to let jails operate at their previous capacity.

The population has reached 49,256, including those held in police cells. Analysis of the rise from 40,047 in 1981 to 47,326 in 1987 shows an increasing proportion of remand prisoners, from 14 per cent of the prison population to 23 per cent, but the real increase is even more startling.

The number of remand prisoners in England and Wales has virtually doubled, from 5,564 to 10,877.

It is not that the courts are more liable to remand people in custody.

In 1981, 15 per cent of defendants who were charged with indictable offences in magistrates' courts were remanded in custody; the 1985 figure was 14 per cent.

Pressure on the system has been increased by the greater time remand prisoners spend in jail.

The increase compares with Mr Hurd's belief that the main reason for more people being in prison is the numbers sentenced by crown courts and increases in the average length of sentence passed by it.

Certainly, a higher proportion of offenders are being sent to prison. In 1977, 13 per cent of offenders convicted of indictable offences received immediate custodial sentences, but the figure is now 18 per cent.

As a government minister, Mr Hurd cannot be seen to be interfering with the independence of the courts. The prison system has to accept who it is sent, with the danger that police-cell accommodation for the overspill is becoming a matter of unacceptable routine.

But the Government can spend more. Since 1978-79 there has been an increase of 117 per cent in expenditure on prisons in real terms and, since June 1983, 4,200 new prison places have been provided. Three new prisons were opened in 1985 and one last year.

And the rules can be altered. Mr Cavadino says that in 1984 parole was extended to many short-term prisoners, so the amount of time served by them has been cut.

Now the parole system is under review along with remission. The Government must be hoping that the result will be less, not more, pressure on the prison system.

Tomorrow: Will the Government's plans work?

Yardies 'may set up no-go city areas'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Yardies, the criminal gangs which originated in Jamaica, could establish no-go areas in British cities as a cover for their increasing cocaine trafficking, a police assessment says.

Metropolitan Police commanders are understood to be considering forming a special detective squad to combat the Yardies following a review of their influence by a senior detective.

A report circulating among top officers stresses that the Yardies are too disorganized to be called a "Mafia", nor are there large numbers of them. Much of the recent publicity about the Yardies is regarded by police as media hyperbole. Often it is not clear whether people calling themselves Yardies are genuine members of a loose-limbed criminal fraternity or opportunists seizing on a notorious name.

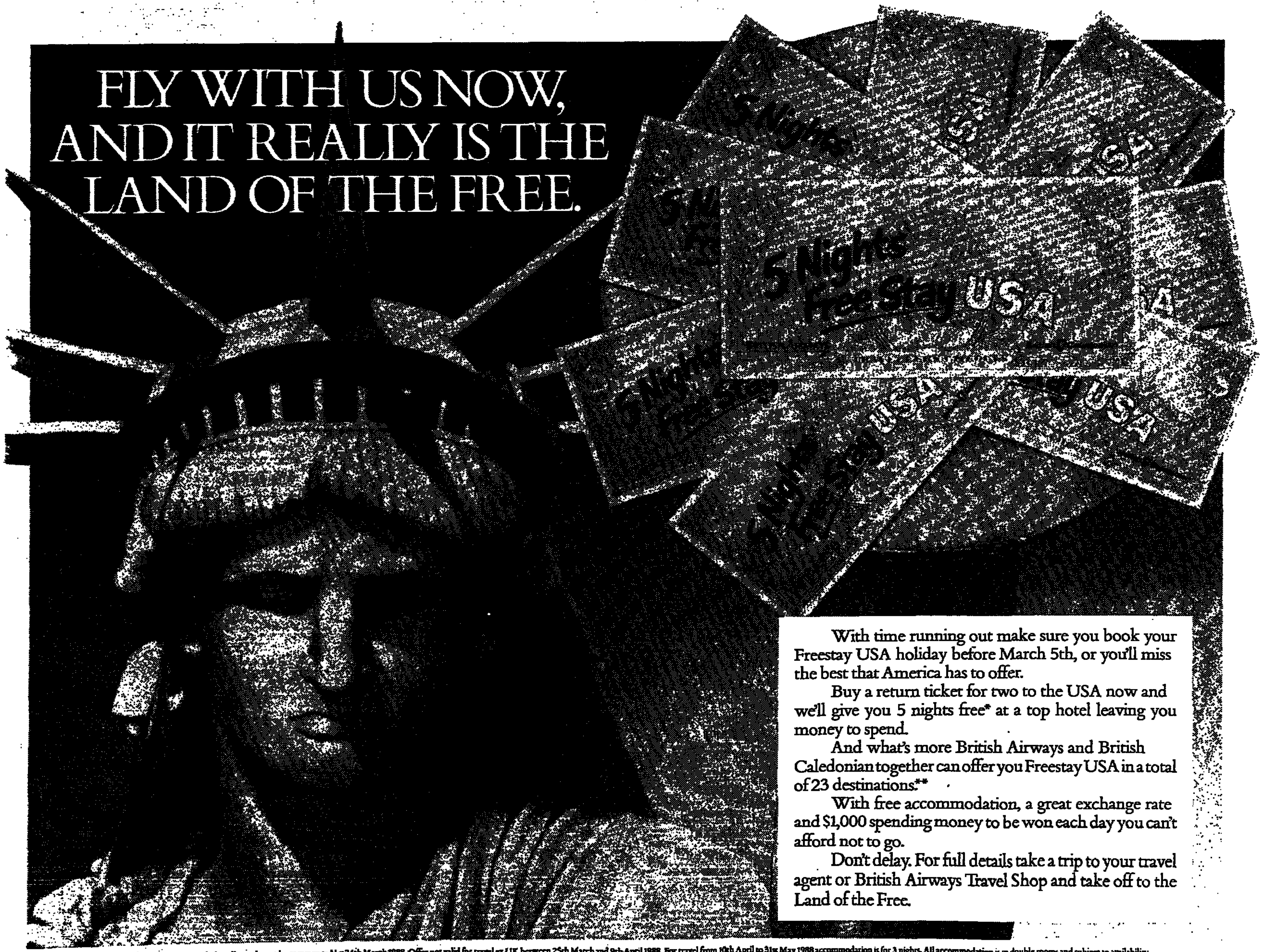
The report, which includes a number of recommendations, was drawn up by Det Chief Supt Roy Ramm, after discussions with police commanders covering areas with large black communities in London, Birmingham and Bristol. West Midlands police have also appointed an officer to build up intelligence on the gangs, which are thought to be trying to move in on the Handsworth area of Birmingham.

Police research suggests that the Yardies do not possess the sort of syndicate organization linked to major crime in the United States. Small groups form round a Yardie figure in a loose alliance.

Only a handful of Yardies, emigrés from Jamaica in the late 1970s and early 1980s, have been identified, but they have established their own gangs.

The major problem for the police is that Yardies are thought to be behind an increasing use of cocaine in the black community, first in London and also in Birmingham. To cover their dealings the Yardies are trying to make some areas difficult to police, although there is no evidence that inner city riots were instigated by them.

Action against the Yardies would involve lengthy investigations, perhaps leading to synchronized raids.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WORLD ROUNDUP

$37m deal for New York paper

New York (Reuter) — Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, agreed yesterday to sell the *New York Post* to the property developer Mr Peter Kalikow for $37 million (£21 million) provided unions at the newspaper agree to major concessions, a joint statement said. "I have today sold the *New York Post*," Mr Murdoch said in a statement, adding it was the best decision "for both the future of the newspaper and for the security of our workforce and their families."

Mr Murdoch said he decided to sell the paper, New York's oldest continuously published daily newspaper, to the bidder "most likely be able to give the *Post* a further substantial lease of life." He was forced to sell the money-losing paper under a Federal Communications Commission rule prohibiting a company from owning both a television station and a newspaper in the same market. Mr Murdoch also owns WNYW-TV in New York, where it is the flagship station of his Fox broadcasting network.

FAO push by West

Rome — Key Western aid donors meet in Helsinki today to increase the pressure for reform of the big-*spending but financially* troubled UN development agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization (Roger Boyes writes).

The conference is the first step in a campaign to overhaul the FAO. The donors meeting, including the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and the Scandinavian countries,are seeking improved consultation on projects, better value for money and a more open approach to management. The FAO management has accepted the need for some change, and two committees have been investigating areas for possible *improvement*.

Funeral outburst

Madrid — Pro-Franco demonstrators jeered at King Juan Carlos of Spain and Queen Sofia as the royal couple attended the funeral yesterday of the general's widow, Doña Carmen Polo (Richard Wigg writes).

Hundreds of elderly or middle-aged Franco supporters converged on El Pardo, the little town with its palace five miles north of Madrid where Franco lived for 35 years. The attendance of the King and Queen surprised observers. But Doña Carmen, who died at the age of 87 on Saturday, made no attempt after her husband's death to help extreme right-wing elements and in this sense helped both the King and the transition to democracy.

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Rio floods subside

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) — Flood waters have started to recede in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro, where more than 11½in of rain in the last five days have left at least 85 people dead and thousands more homeless.

By nightfall on Saturday, 58 bodies had been removed from the debris of shacks buried by mudslides in the town of Petropolis, 30 miles north of Rio, the Civil Defence said. The newly-recovered bodies brought the official death toll to 85, but it is feared that with at least 20 people still unaccounted for the figure will rise to more than 100.

Iran hits US tanker

Dubai (Reuter) — A tanker was set on fire when Iraqi jets attacked Iran's main oil terminal at Kharg island yesterday, hours after Iranian gunboats had fired on a US-owned tanker in the southern Gulf. The attacks, the fourth by Iran and the third by Iraq this month, heightened fears of a new cycle of Gulf violence.

The loaded 64,140-tonne Liberian-flagged tanker, Diane, was peppered with bullets by Iranian boats four miles off the United Arab Emirates port of Mina Saqr, starting a fire which the crew put out. The tanker was hit in the crew quarters and engine room but left the Gulf without assistance.

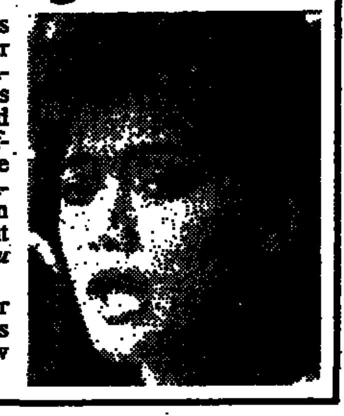
Rebel end forecast

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka said on a BBC World Service phone-in yesterday that the Tamil Tiger rebel fighters would be defeated by the end of April (Andrew McEwen writes).

The Tigers, fighting for Tamil independence, have been crushed in the north by the Indian peacekeeping force but retain strongholds in the east. The President defended his decision to bring in the Indian government troops.

● **COLOMBO:** The number of Indian troops in Sri Lanka's Northern and Eastern provinces will be increased to 70,000 from the present 50,000, according to Sri Lankan officials.

Marcos daughter 'ill'



Honolulu (AP) — Mrs Imelda Marcos says her daughter, Mrs Imee Manotoc, right, desperately needs medical care in the United States, but a Philippine official said the move might be a ploy to avoid an investigation into alleged corruption during former President Marcos's rule, the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* reports.

"I'm pleading for help for my very sick daughter," Mrs Marcos said. "I don't know where to turn."

Latin American leaders edge towards a common market

President Sanguinetti of Uruguay, left, President Alfonsín of Argentina, centre, and President Sarney of Brazil facing a barrage of reporters' questions in Colonia, Uruguay, after talks which took their countries closer to forming a common market.

The three leaders said in a communiqué that they were satisfied with their achievements so far in reaching mutual economic integration.

Uruguay was formally invited to join a future South American common market during the six-hour summit. Argentina and Brazil began moves towards economic and cultural integration in 1986.

Presidents Alfonsín and Sarney invited President Sanguinetti to seek formulas to overcome the differences separating Uruguay from its giant neighbours.

President Sarney emphasized "the joint effort to make the region an area of integration founded on the democratic principles restored in the three countries in the last few years"

'Lacklustre' planning chief sacked by Kremlin

From A Correspondent, Moscow

The head of the powerful State Planning Committee (Gosplan) was dismissed at the weekend, a month after the controversial decentralization of more than half of Soviet industry.

The replacement of Mr Nikolai Talyzin, aged 59, shows the difficulties faced by the centrally planned economy in coexisting with market forces introduced by the new law on state enterprise.

He is succeeded by Mr Yuri Maslyukov, a Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers and head of the Military Industrial Commission, who had been deputy head of *Gosplan for three years until* 1985. Mr Maslyukov was also promoted a First Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

A terse decree of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet announced that Mr Talyzin had been replaced after only two years in the job. "When Gorbachov brought him (Talyzin) in, he had the reputation of a reformer, but he obviously did not live up to expectations," Western diplomats said yesterday.

Under the new law, which came into force on January 1, 60 per cent of Soviet industry has switched to self-financing, which involves *decentralization* of industrial decision-making and, theoretically, greater freedom from central bodies in order to revitalize the sluggish economy.

Since the changeover, however, industrial managers and economists have complained in the press that the central planners have prevented factories from forging direct contracts by setting state orders which in some cases drain total capacity.

State Planning Committee officials, who are being affected by job cuts along with other central ministries as industry decentralizes, have been told to join in the reforms.

Mr Gorbachov specifically criticized Mr Talyzin last June, placing him at the top of a list of economic ministers who had been slow to implement reforms.

And, according to Western diplomats, there was little chance that Mr Talyzin would survive after his lacklustre speech presenting the 1988 budget and plan to the Supreme Soviet last October. Mr Gorbachov was not present for this speech, during which the Speaker of House, Mr Lev Tolkenov, was seen openly to read a newspaper.

In addition, there have been complaints that production targets for the current five-year plan set by the central planners were unrealistically high. "The economy had a bad year last year, so there is no way they can meet their targets this year," a diplomat said.

The Soviet Union's gross national product grew by 3.3 per cent in 1987, according to statistics released last month, whereas the plan called for 4.1 per cent growth.

Under Saturday's decree, Mr Talyzin retained his lesser government position as a First Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers. He had apparently occupied this position since the departure from the Soviet leadership of Mr Geidar Aliyev, for health reasons, last October.

● **80,000 lose jobs:** Nearly 80,000 bureaucrats have lost their jobs in the Ukraine as part of a campaign to streamline administration, according to *Pravda Ukrainy* (Reuter reports from Moscow).

The officials were made redundant when 14 republican ministries and government agencies and 83 lower-level organizations were abolished. The newspaper added that 1,500 industrial enterprises had been enlarged, suggesting that many of the unwanted administrators had been placed in factories.

US told to shoulder rebel burden

Honduras closes its doors to Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Honduras has told the United States to accept "moral responsibility" for the Nicaraguan Contras and vowed to turn away any refugees trying to enter its territory.

Several Honduran politicians have told US officials that the tiny country does not have the resources to handle a wave of immigrants and that Washington must be prepared to deal with the problem if large numbers of the rebels abandon the fight.

General Humberto Regalado, the head of the Honduran armed forces, said in a radio interview that he had prepared plans to stop armed Contras entering Honduras.

He added that his country had not organized or financed the Contras, and he believed that the US had a moral obligation to them.

Honduras has closed most Contra bases along its southern border in recent months, as it hardens its policy to prevent the rebels from maintaining a substantial presence on its territory. Thousands of Honduran peasants have been forced from their homes in the south because of Nicaraguan attacks on Contra targets.

Congressional Democratic leaders are now drawing up plans for humanitarian aid, defined narrowly as food, clothing and medicine. But a symbolic 51-48 Senate vote on Friday, in favour of renewed military assistance, has strengthened the Administration's hand in demanding compromises when the Democrats present their proposals.

General Fred Woerner, the commander of US forces in Latin America, said at the weekend that the Contras were on the verge of a three-way split that would erode, and possibly destroy, their military strength.

The CIA intends to accelerate the delivery of Contra military supplies permitted under past congressional votes until the legal cut-off on February 29. US officials estimated that stockpiles would last a maximum of 90 days.

The rebels are deeply demoralized. Señor Alfonso Robelo, one of the six Contra directors, announced that he is resigning from the post in order to settle in Costa Rica, where he has business interests. His wife is Costa Rican.

He said his resignation was in response to an ultimatum from the Costa Rican Government to give up his position or leave the country. He expressed deep pessimism about the Contras' fate after US authorization to resupply them with arms runs out.

Two other Contra directors, Señor Pedro Joaquín Chamorro and Señor Alfredo César, announced that they would move from Costa Rica to Miami, where the rebels maintain their principal office.

Manigat faces strife as he takes helm in Haiti

Port-au-Prince (Reuter) — President Manigat of Haiti, who started his five-year term in office yesterday, faces domestic and foreign hostility. The political science professor, little known here after years of exile, takes over from Haiti's military leader, Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy, two years to the day after the dictator, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, fled the country.

Mr Manigat's key problem is one of credibility. He was declared the winner of an election on January 17 that was widely seen as undemocratic. But most Haitians and foreign governments consider his credentials good. He is seen as having a relatively clean record despite his close friendship with Mr Duvalier's father, François "Papa Doc" Duvalier.

But Mr Manigat has no popular base, inherits an effectively bankrupt economy, faces a loss of vital foreign aid and is under daily attack from popular opposition politicians. Moreover, he has not been accepted by the influential Roman Catholic Church and may have trouble exerting his will over the Army and Duvalierists, diplomats believe. Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said last week that Washington was not planning at present to resume its aid, which was halted after polling booth massacres in November.

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On the stump in Iowa

Robertson strikes a folksy note

From Michael Binyon, Des Moines

It promised to be an evening of good clean Christian fun: the Rev Pat Robertson, on stage with Ricky Skaggs, a popular Country and Western singer.

The school auditorium, decorated with campaign posters, was filling up nicely. Earnest aides at the door looked us in the eye, repeating our Christian names in the requisite Dale Carnegie manner as they pressed into our hands the printed Robertson promise to halt abortion, restore family values and run schools on biblical principles.

Fresh-faced young couples were filling up the front rows, babies on their knees, ready to wave their "Young Americans for Robertson" banners at a dozen television cameras.

The older folk were there, too, dressed in those sensible campaign rally clothes. Outside, the evening temperature was a bone-chilling -20°C, but in the hall there was a warm *buzz of conversation*.

Unfortunately there was a hitch. Mr Skaggs had not yet landed and Mr Robertson was on his way. By happy chance, Barbara Fairchild was on hand with a song to match. She is a Country and Western star, too, best known for her hit "I Wish I Was a Teddy Bear".

She took over with revivalist enthusiasm. "How many are farmers here?" she asked. About five out of 200 raised their hands. No matter: she warmed us up with a shaggy dog story about hogs eating chickens on her old Arkansas farm and then, inevitably, launched into "I Wish I Was a Teddy Bear".

The somewhat mawkish lyrics contrasted oddly with the speaker's podium, forested with microphones, into which she sang as cameras rolled for television stations all over America.

"Ah'm awfully happy to be here tonight. Ah think the world of Pat Robertson," she said "Ah'm not a political genius, but Ah'm an American and Ah love this country. Ah know the Lord loves all the candidates — they're all good men. Ah happen to feel Pat is the man for the hour."

Her political credo drew wild applause. She compared his winning the presidency with David, the shepherd boy, being annointed King of Israel. More applause. And we all then joined in choruses of "Amazing Grace".

There was still time to fill, and Miss Fairchild resourcefully enticed a burly man in the audience to lead us in singing "You Are My Sunshine". The cameras panned on the happy, clapping audience. At this point, thankfully, the missing Ricky Skaggs entered stage left.

He adjusted his guitar and told us he had travelled all over Iowa "and, boy, do they love Pat Robertson". He sang a mournful song, clearly pitched for Iowa; about the family farm, the backbone of the nation, going "the way of the buffalo".

He was about to sing more when an aide whispered to him, the big announcement came, we all rose excitedly, and in came Pat, to a full minute of enthusiastic whistling and clapping.

Like all good candidates, he brought in his daughter, her husband, the babe in arms, and various other relations who joined him on stage.

Then he started straightaway, as preachers do, with a little incident. "You know I just found myself saying something that was spontaneous, and yet when I thought about it, I knew in my heart it was true."

The audience was too rapt to ponder the truth of his other spontaneous utterances. "If I win Iowa, I will be the next President of the United States." Wild applause.

He was especially buoyant because the Robertson camp that morning had swept the board in Hawaii, winning 82 per cent of the Republican vote in a straw poll, which guaranteed at least 16 delegates to the convention.

At a brisk pace, he outlined his political programme. "The number one thing is I am a conservative. I have no intention of selecting as a running mate a liberal with whom I disagree just to balance the ticket. In the Robertson Administration, conservatives will no longer be a hunted species in Washington."

He spoke of the Russian threat, of how Moscow wanted to force Europe into economic subservience and set up a land base in Central America to infiltrate the US.

"We will begin the decolonization of the Russian empire," he declaimed. Arms would be sent to rebels in Angola, Afghanistan, Mozambique, and especially Nicaragua. A super-strike force would also be created to deal with the Gadaffis, Ayatollahs and Abu Nidals of the world. No American life would be threatened by terrorists again. More cheers.

Mr Robertson then turned to the budget. Cut waste, not raise taxes, was his answer. He denounced the huge congressional spending Bills, the way Congress blackmailed the President into signing them by threatening to cut funds to keep the Government running. "Ladies and gentlemen, I would not sign these Bills. I would not hesitate to close down the Government."

It was an appropriate note, I thought, on which to leave.

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Shame of Yugoslav collaboration with Nazis keeps files shut

Belgrade silent on Waldheim's war

From Robert Fisk
Zagreb

The ghosts of Yugoslavia's wartime history are likely to ensure that no official search is ever made here through the archives which might disclose the role of Dr Kurt Waldheim in the deportation and subsequent deaths of thousands of innocent civilians in 1942.

The decrepit cardboard boxes containing the files of the wartime collaborationist Ustashi militia – with whom Dr Waldheim's former Wehrmacht group carried out some of the most savage atrocities against civilians in the Balkans – are kept at four locations in Zagreb and Belgrade. The Yugoslav press has criticized the authorities in Belgrade for their inactivity, and there have been desperate appeals for help from the International Commission of Historians which has to present its evidence against President Waldheim of Austria in Vienna today.

But the Government in Yugoslavia does not plan any investigation of documents which would reopen the painful and sometimes deeply humiliating wounds of Yugoslavia's period of Nazi occupation. For the conflict in which Dr Waldheim participated was not just a guerrilla war against the German Army but a civil war within Yugoslavia in which thousands of Croat Catholics and Muslims were urged successfully by the Nazis to "cleanse" the newly constituted puppet state of Croatia by massacring their fellow Serbian Orthodox citizens.

The first slaughter of 2,000 Serbs occurred exactly 46 years ago today, when the Orthodox population of Banja Luca were dragged from their beds by Ustashi militiamen, who bayoneted hundreds of children in the presence of a Croatian Catholic priest, who later taunted Communist Yugoslav prisoners about their belief in God as he burnt them to death on a haystack. It was this massacre which led directly to the German atrocities in which Dr Waldheim's military unit participated, and it was at Banja Luca that he was stationed as an intelligence officer for the German Army Group E.

Yet only in Yugoslavia, perhaps, can the true frightfulness of the 1942-1944 period be truly understood. Up to 80,000 Orthodox Serbs, Communists, Jews and gypsies from the Kozara region alone, the district in which Dr Waldheim served, died in scarcely six weeks. One group of 20,000 men, women and children – among them the victims who Dr Waldheim is alleged to have deported – were later stripped naked by their Yugoslav Ustashi captors to die of exposure and starvation in a barbed-wire enclosure on a hilltop outside Belgrade.

It is the files of this same Ustashi movement – whose leader, Ante Pavelic, later escaped to Latin America, apparently with Allied help – which may hold the vital clues to the Austrian President's involvement in this appalling chapter of Balkan history. Yet even today in Yugoslavia, no serious history of the Ustashis has been written.

Mr Vojdrag Bercic, a Zagreb historian who was an official lawyer for Marshal Tito's Communist partisans and who later interrogated the priest, Father Miroslav Filipovic, who was partly responsible for the February, 1942, massacre, gave some forthright private opinions of his own when he spoke to me yesterday in his Zagreb home, a house whose rooms were piled with files, newspaper cuttings, letters, documents and manuscripts about Yugoslavia's wartime history.

Whatever the truth of Dr Waldheim's role, he said, it was a small one compared with some of the most brutal war criminals then at large in Yugoslavia. "But there is this sensitive thing, too, in Yugoslavia," he said. "I think that nations as well as men have things of which they are ashamed. The Ustashi are one of these things. There are no Ustashi in our Yugoslav literature."

Mr Belcic, who is hoping to complete a six-volume history of the war crimes of Father Filipovic – who was hanged in 1945 – and of what he says is complicity in genocide by senior figures in the Yugoslav Catholic Church, also questions if Yugoslavs could have any personal knowledge of President Waldheim's wartime activities.

Information about Yugoslav involvement with the Nazis is to be found amid the files of the Croatian National Archives and the offices of the National Archives for the History of the Labour Movement in Zagreb, in the Military History Institute in Belgrade, and – most sensitive of all – in the archives of the Yugoslav Ministry of Interior.

They contain the names of hundreds of Yugoslav collaborators: of the Muslim family of Beslagic from Banja Luca, one of whom became Pavelic's Minister of Public Works; of Dr Viktor Gutic, the Yugoslav lawyer, an alcoholic homosexual who became head of Pavelic's secret police.

These are names which the Yugoslav authorities would now prefer to remain unspoken. They are reminders of a past which almost tore Yugoslavia apart.

Poll shock for Hawke on rise in phone bill

Sydney – Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, suffered a humiliating by-election defeat in Adelaide yesterday (Our Correspondent writes).

In the traditionally safe Labor seat, the Liberal Party candidate won easily with a swing of 9 per cent of the vote.

Mr Hawke took full responsibility for the result, which he said was caused by plans to introduce charges for timed local telephone calls. He said: "I get the message. This was a protest vote against the Government. There will not now be any introduction of time-based telephone charges."

Poet barred

Cape Town (Reuter) – South Africa has refused the liberal Afrikaner poet, Breyten Breytenbach, who lives in France, a visa to return to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of the Western Cape.

Fiji amnesty

Suva (AP) – The Fijian Government has granted immunity from prosecution to people facing charges of political offences against the state allegedly committed between April and October last year.

Food appeal

Khartoum (Reuter) – Sudan said more than three million of its 23 million people would need relief food this year. Crops have been halved by drought.

Reggae riot

Bulawayo (AP) – Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at 9,000 rioting fans when the Jamaican reggae singer, Gregory Isaacs, cut short his second concert in Zimbabwe.

Dollar swindle

Moscow (Reuter) – Fourteen people from the Leningrad area have been jailed for forging US dollars and selling them for roubles to foreigners.

Quake deaths

Dhaka – Three people were killed and 200 injured in stampedes to escape when an earthquake rocked central and northern Bangladesh.

Soldiers shot

Kampala (AP) – Dozens of people watched a firing squad execute two Ugandan soldiers convicted of murdering a civilian and robbery.

Palestinians mourn latest victims of West Bank violence

Families and friends carrying the bodies of two Palestinians, one wrapped in a blanket and another in a bloodstained sheet, who were killed yesterday in clashes with Israeli forces on the Jerusalem-Hebron highway at Beit Umar in the occupied West Bank. Three Palestinians died during the protests.

The search for Middle East peace

Concern over aim behind Murphy tour

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Is a new US peace initiative on the Middle East taking shape? Or is the aim of Mr Richard Murphy's tour of Syria, Saudi Arabia and Israel to reassure leaders on both sides of the Arab-Israel divide that Washington has not lost interest in their future?

These questions were posed by Arab and European diplomats in London yesterday as Mr Murphy, US Secretary of State for Near East affairs, held talks in Damascus with Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam of Syria. Uncertainty about American objectives has persisted despite statements before the American left Washington that his aim was to renew efforts to end the conflict.

There is concern among Middle East experts that the mission may prove to be a diplomatic hand-holding exercise. Mr Murphy, who also saw Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, the Foreign Minister, and was expected to deliver a letter from President Reagan to President Assad, provided no clues yesterday.

Syria has opposed US peace efforts based on the 1978 Camp David agreements, but there has been no confirmation that Camp David is the basis of Mr Murphy's approach.

Israeli sources have said American thinking involves self-rule for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, followed by talks within a year between Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Palestinians on a lasting settlement. The rival approach, favoured by Egypt, Jordan, the Israeli Labour Party (but not Likud, its partner in the coalition), the Soviet Union and the 12 EEC nations, involves a United Nations-sponsored international conference on the Middle East.

The Soviet Ambassador to Cairo, Mr Gennady Zhuravlev, yesterday discussed such a conference with Dr Butros Butros Ghali, Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. "My country is holding contacts with Security Council members to prepare for an international peace conference which is the only way to resolve the problem," Mr Zhuravlev said.

Meanwhile, President Mubarak returned to Cairo on Saturday after a 13-day tour of the US, Europe and North Africa that proved disappointing for Egyptian peace efforts. His attempt to obtain support for a six-month "cooling off period" to pave the way for an international conference were overshadowed by a US veto last Monday of a Security Council resolution urging Israel to respect human rights in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Palestine Liberation Organization said yesterday that Washington's rejection of an international conference and its "aggressive designs to impose limited Palestinian self-rule" were intended to "abort the uprising and its great achievements".

● BONN: The 12 foreign ministers of the European Community will explore a Middle East peace initiative in Bonn talks with King Husain of Jordan today (Richard Owen writes).

The talks come as EEC ties with Israel are showing increasing strain over Israeli policy in the occupied territories and Israeli interference with EEC-West Bank trade.

Arafat prepares for hostage rescue

Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, yesterday mobilized his forces in southern Lebanon to secure the release of two Scandinavian officials of the UN who were kidnapped by guerrillas linked to his own faction last Friday (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes from west Beirut). Mr Arafat was said to be contemplating a possible military rescue operation if negotiations fail.

The kidnapping of Mr Jan Stening of Sweden and Mr William Jorgensen of Norway has become a public relations problem for Mr Arafat's Fatah guerrilla organization. The United Nations Relief Works Agency, known as Unrwa, cares for thousands of Palestinian families in refugee camps.

The agency says it has established that no Palestinian organization as such has been involved in the abduction, although the kidnappers have been identified as Fatah members. The kidnapping has been been described as "an independent enterprise" planned by a ring of corrupt Arabs working for the agency and carried out by accomplices in the Ein el-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp south of Sidon. UN officials have obtained the names of two of the kidnappers and that information has been relayed to the PLO.

Palestinian guerrillas yesterday were said to have surrounded a house in an orange grove on the fringes of Ein el-Hilweh, where the hostages were believed to be held.

Labour aims to exploit Rabin's tough image

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

The uncompromisingly hard-line stand of Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, in ordering "force, might and beatings" to restore calm to the occupied territories is to be turned into an asset by the Labour Party in this year's general election.

Labour, which is beginning to prepare its campaign, has decided that the toughness of Mr Rabin – now shown by polls to be the most popular politician in the country – can be used to offset the fears of voters who think that Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, is threatening Israel's security by his apparent doveishness.

Mr Peres, as the most persistent and pragmatic seeker for a way to open negotiations, faces no real challenge to his position in the Labour Party. Mr Rabin, along with the whole party, has long since accepted the need for territorial concessions to buy peace, but Mr Peres is seen as the more credible negotiator.

The two men have had a long and bitter rivalry, with Mr Rabin deeply resentful at the way he was displaced as party leader by Mr Peres.

Mr Rabin, as Prime Minister, lost the 1977 general election. This was followed by a fight within the party, which ended with Mr Peres taking over the leadership. Ever since then, Mr Rabin has poignantly attacked Mr Peres's leadership in an attempt to regain control of the party but he has never succeeded in rallying quite enough support to do this.

Since the present round of disturbances began, it has been the Defence Minister who has attracted the limelight and the popularity, but inside the party machine no consideration at all is being given to ousting Mr Peres for Mr Rabin.

Apart from the departure of Mr Abdel Wahab Darousha, the only Labour Arab Knesset member, who quit because of what he called "Rabin's murderous policies", the hard line is also losing the support of the party's left-wing ideological fringe.

This small but real drift to the left had not concerned most of the 60-member policy-making political committee until Mr Yitzhak Navon, the former President and now Education Minister, issued a timely warning last weekend. When he was President, he reminded members, he had to call first on Mr Menachem Begin to form a government in 1981, because the Likud had one more seat than Labour. Mr Begin had then managed to form a government, even though Labour's chances of assembling a coalition looked better.

Therefore, Mr Navon said, it was essential for Labour to win the most seats in the next election so that it would be given the first chance to form a government.

It was no good being satisfied with being the largest party on the left, even if the left-wing parties held a majority of the Knesset seats.

Labour needed to develop a clear, vote-winning strategy for achieving its long-term peace objective. It was because this was lacking that Mr Uzi Baram, the party's secretary-general, threatened to resign at the end of last year, and it is to try to create such a strategy that Mr Peres's young team of close advisers is working.

One detailed plan has already been drawn up by Mr Yossi Beilin, the Foreign Minister's political director-general. This envisages wide autonomy for the occupied territories, leading to a kind of confederation which would include Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Mr Peres has endorsed the idea, but the fact that Mr Rabin was not involved in drawing it up means the party could be split if it were presented as a policy document.

Mr Rabin wants to move towards a settlement quickly, but it must be a deal in which security is predominant.

He is not bothered by the niceties of Palestinian self-determination or autonomy. He is therefore convinced that the best solution is to hand Gaza and non-strategic areas of the West Bank over to Jordan, leaving King Husain with the problem of controlling the population, using the existing structures of the Jordanian state.

This "Jordanian option" continues to be the one most favoured by the party, but a new understanding is coming through – that Jordan already has a Palestinian majority and, with the 1.4 million Palestinians in the occupied territories added to it, it would dominate Jordanian politics.

Therefore, King Husain could well be more interested in a confederation that included Israel rather than with taking in the Palestinians alone.

Whatever the outcome of this debate, Labour must also grapple with the realization that its membership is changing character. Traditionally, it has been the party of the Ashkenazi middle-class establishment. This led to its estrangement from the working class Sephardi immigrants, particularly the thousands with little education who came in from North Africa and the Yemen. It was this group which turned to Likud and eventually gave it a majority in 1977.

Until then, Labour Knesset members were a kind of aristocracy, generally appointed by the party in return for services rendered. The grass roots were largely ignored. It has been the work of Mr Baram to democratize the party and he has succeeded.

Among the party's most promising recruits are young Sephardi mayors of development towns where up to 95 per cent traditionally have voted for the Likud.

Among this new guard are personalities such as Mr Amir Peretz, aged 34, the Moroccan mayor of a development town who has a huge moustache, smiling eyes and a wealth of ideas buzzing beneath his unruly tangle of curly hair.

To look at, he is the very antithesis of the Labour establishment.

He wants peace because, while development towns are starved for money to develop, he sees cash pouring into settlements in the occupied territories. Cheap Arab labour from the territories has depressed wages and added to the poverty of the Moroccan immigrants. He wants peace in return for land because he believes Israel cannot absorb the Arab population in the territories and survive as a democracy.

But Mr Peretz and the rest of the young guard are not senior enough or experienced enough to dictate party policy and a real generation gap has opened in Labour's ranks. Only one Labour Knesset member is in his thirties.

Win or lose the next election, therefore, Mr Peres looks secure for some time, and Mr Rabin seems destined to remain as Defence Minister unless Likud defy current opinion polls and win an outright majority.

Vienna – Herr Karl Kahane, a Jewish industrialist, said he recently gave $50,000 (£28,500) to a Palestinian hospital in east Jerusalem "because there are very few Jews who raise their voices" over the tense and violent situation in the Israeli-occupied territories (A Correspondent writes). Herr Kahane, who is Austrian, sent the money to the Mokasset Hospital to be used for a badly needed mobile X-ray machine after hearing about the beatings of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

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Japanese opposition closes ranks in Diet row

MP brands Communist Party leader a murderer

From David Watts, Tokyo

There was uproar in the Diet, Japan's parliament, at the weekend after a member of the ruling party called the leader of the Communist Party a murderer.

In a row that united the normally divided opposition, Mr Koichi Hamada, of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, made the comment in a discussion about the allegedly soft attitude of the police towards *left-wingers during* a session of the lower house budget committee.

In the topsy-turvy world of Japanese politics, the Communist Party is at loggerheads with the far left. Mr Hamada, known as a hardline anti-Communist, rounded on a Communist Party questioner during the session: "My party has been harbouring extreme apprehension about the Japan Communist Party ever since Mr Kenji Miyamoto, who is a murderer, was permitted to take part in national politics."

Tokyo — The Japanese Government is forming a task force to find the real identity of Ms Lee Ung Ke, who taught Japanese to the North Korean woman agent who has admitted blowing up a South Korean airliner (David Watts writes). Kim Hyon Hi says her teacher was taken to North Korea against her will in 1979.

The Communist Party later called for Mr Hamada's resignation and even parties hostile to the Communists — including Japan's Socialist Party and *Democratic* Social Party — sided with the Communists. The affair is expected to be taken up in the committee early this week.

Mr Hamada was referring to a famous prewar incident in which a group of Communist leaders allegedly lynched a suspected police spy. The Communist Party at that time was banned and working underground. Mr Miyamoto was implicated in the case but exonerated on lack of evidence. The party was later allowed to play a legitimate political role despite US misgivings.

Mr Hamada said he was only being honest when he gave the offending answer. "The general public may prefer politicians who are straightforward in an easy-to-understand manner to those who display dignity fraught with deception," he said.

The incident has highlighted the strong anti-left bias in mainstream Japanese politics and public life. The right wing is allowed virtually free rein in demonstrations while left-wingers have to endure heavy policing.

● **Islands pledge:** Mr Noboru Takeshita, Japan's Prime Minister, said yesterday that he will make persistent efforts to negotiate the return of northern islands occupied by the Soviet Union since the end of the Second World War (AP reports).

He made the statement in a speech to more than 1,400 people at an annual government-sponsored rally in Tokyo *for the return of the* islands. The Government has said the Soviet occupation is the most important issue blocking improved relations between Japan and Russia.

More than 1,000 right-wingers marched through central Tokyo yesterday demanding the return of the islands — Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and the Habomai-island group off Japan's northern island of Hokkaido. At least 25,000 people attended similar rallies throughout Japan yesterday.

Right-wing group members carrying a picture of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, through Tokyo yesterday, in a protest calling for the return of Russian-occupied islands.

Yuppie haven hit by gang war

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

Westwood is the heart of yuppie Los Angeles. Unlike other parts of the city, the pavements swarm with pedestrians, many of them students from the UCLA campus, attracted by the trendy pasta *restaurants, cinemas and bars.*

The worst problem residents usually face is finding somewhere to park their Mercedes. But a week ago something extraordinary happened — gang warfare arrived *in* Westwood and an innocent bystander, Karen Toshima, aged 27, was shot dead.

Instantly, a well-oiled law enforcement machine sprang into action. More than 30 detectives were assigned to hunt the killer. The strength of police foot patrols was increased by 14 officers, local merchants offered a $10,000 (£5,700) reward to help to find the killer and Mr Zev Yaroslavsky, a local city councillor, urged his colleagues to increase the reward by another $25,000.

But other council members, representing predominantly black and Hispanic areas of the city, were outraged that such moves could follow one murder in Westwood.

For on the streets in their part of town, people die in the crossfire of gang warfare almost routinely with very little attention. In 1987 alone, 114 people were killed by gang violence in central Los Angeles — barely 12 miles away.

Mr Robert Farrell, a black councillor who represents the predominatly black south-central Los Angeles area, summed up their sentiments when he said: "There is a perception that a life lost in south or east Los Angeles does not measure up to a life lost somewhere else."

Mr Daryl Gates, the Chief of Police, angrily denied that his force responded differently to violence in affluent areas of the city.

But in Westwood, local traders credit continual and close relations between themselves, their councillor and the police for the response.

Mr Don Pye, a local business leader, said: "When a situation like this develops, you can make a phone call and *get listened to.* We've built up credibility over the years and we don't cry wolf."

However, many admit that the gang problem has been growing for a while. Some shopkeepers blame a film showing in the local cinema for the problem — *Raw,* the Eddie Murphy concert movie.

There was rioting in Westwood following its opening, and police now say it contin*ues to draw gang members to* the town. Other businessmen say gang members have simply discovered there are ripe pickings in Westwood.

Whatever the reality, the death of Karen Toshima — reportedly a shy, self-effacing young woman — has left a complex political, economic and racial battle which can be expected to have repercussions right across the city.

Economic question mark over Shikoku bridge

From Our Own Correspondent, Takamatsu, Shikoku Island

As an economic investment it has been called as viable as the Great Wall of China or as unviable as the ill-fated battleship Yamato which sank on its maiden voyage. But the Honshu-Shikoku bridge, Japan's largest civil engineering project, leaves no one unmoved.

The last rail tracks have been bolted into position and when it opens for rail and road traffic in April at about the same time as the Seikan tunnel linking the main island of Honshu and the northern island of Hokkaido, the four main islands of Japan will be joined for the first time. It will be possible to speed from Hokkaido's Siberian climate to semi-tropical Kyushu or across to Shikoku.

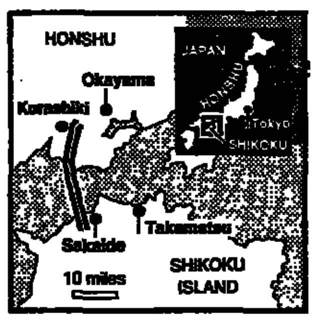
The story of the bridge's construction is a classic illustration of how haphazard Japanese pork barrel politics create seemingly impracticable and vastly expensive projects with little regard for their viability — the antithesis of the image of carefully *honed, long-range planning* which the country projects to the outside world.

The bridge, or rather six of them, hopping via five islands, will provide a road and rail link to one of Japan's least developed areas. Shikoku is best known for a special noodle dish and its agricultural and fishery products. It is the birthplace of Natsume Soseki, one of Japan's most famous novelists.

But the island has such an unreliable water supply that it cannot accommodate high-technology industries and seems either condemned or blessed to stay that way, depending on your viewpoint, unless the bridge brings tourists pouring in.

The bridge spans one of the most beautiful areas of Japan. But while the conservationists have clearly lost the battle, it is still far from clear whether the economists will win.

Though it is the third longest suspension bridge in the world, after the Humber and Golden Gate bridges, it probably ranks as the longest dual-use bridge. It has cost almost £5 billion to date and will be ultimately only one of three that will link the main island with this relatively unspoilt backwater.



Each of the three bridge routes has been influenced by different politicians anxious to curry favour with the electorate. Shikoku politicians must be hoping that the bridge gamble will pay off as handsomely as the bullet trains have done on the main island.

Two bridge routes to Shikoku are named the Ohira and Miki routes, after former Prime Ministers who hail from the island, and the third is the Miyazawa route after the present Finance Minister who comes from Hiroshima prefecture on the main island.

The Seto Ohashi bridge will be completed first and a second bridge linking the Osaka industrial area with the island will open in 1990. The third will follow once budgetary constraints are lifted.

At the peak of the project, there were 5,000 men working on the bridge, of whom 15 lost their lives. Some 67 million hours have been spent on its construction.

The number of cars that will cross the bridge every day has been steadily revised downwards and a toll of 5,000 yen (£21) or more will hardly boost custom. But though it has been estimated that the bridge will repay the investment in 30 years, there will no specific way to measure its success as all revenue will be channelled into the construction of the next bridge in the series.

India's dowry scandal

Sisters die in suicide pact

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

The suicide of three sisters in Kanpur because their parents did not have enough money for their dowries has shaken many people. The girls were *found hanging* from the ceiling in their house in a modest middle-class area.

The eldest girl was a post-graduate student in Hindi and the other two were studying for an MA and a BA. Their father, *Mr Daya Prasad Sahu,* assistant administrative officer in the Life Insurance Company, earns £130 a month.

He told police that talks about the marriages of his two elder *daughters broke down* three times because their prospective in-laws demanded too much money.

In India, where marriages are generally arranged by parents, a dowry — which can *include money,* a television set and other household goods — is essential and is decided beforehand. There have been instances where the bridegroom has returned from the bride's house without marrying her because the contracted dowry was not forthcoming.

The Government has a rule that public servants will not accept any dowry. But this rule is more honoured in breach than observance. Members of All-India Services, occupying important administrative posts, demand or are offered a large dowry, including a house and a car.

A law against dowry is as old as the British Raj in India, and the punishment has been *stiffened in the past few years* because of increasing instances of bride-burning for not having brought enough dowry and in-laws' persistent demands even after marriage. It is a social evil which society has taken in its stride, like discrimination against people of low caste.

In Tripura, the Congress (I) Party has formed a government with its electoral ally, the Tripura Upajati Yuva Samiti. The parties have 31 seats in a house of 60. The Congress Party has taken power from the Communists.

The Congress (I) party has also formed a government in Meghalaya, another north-eastern state, although it has only 22 members in a house of 60. The party says that, being the largest group, it has been invited to form the government.

● **AGARTALA:** Four members of the Congress (I) Party were killed by activists of the Communist Party of India-Marxist when the new government took office in Tripura, police said (Reuter reports).

The new Health Minister, Mr Kashiram Reang, escaped unhurt when four home-made bombs were thrown at his car yesterday.

Unrest in Bangladesh

Police storm campus 'fort'

Dhaka (Reuter) — Bangladesh police stormed a university where hundreds of student activists had for a month barricaded themselves in a hall of residence, university authorities said yesterday.

They said police also seized a big cache of weapons, including home-made guns and grenades, from the Chittagong University campus in southern Bangladesh in the raid on Saturday night.

The activists, who were not students at Chittagong, had forced their way into the hall of residence and stayed there illegally, clashing with Chittagong students. Most of the activists jumped from win*dows and fled under cover of* thick fog as soon as police entered the campus. Others escaped in a bus. No arrests were made, which sparked accusations by some student groups that the police had allowed the activists to get away.

The police said the activists built roof-top bunkers and watch towers with sandbags and stones and repeatedly fought battles with Chittagong students in which nearly 30 were injured.

The Government closed Bangladesh's six universities on November 27 when President Ershad imposed a state of emergency to counter an opposition campaign for his resignation. Five universities were reopened last month, but students and teachers at Chittagong refused to resume classes until the outsiders, believed to be supporters of President Ershad's Jatiya Party, were removed.

Students have played a *prominent role in the opp*osition-led campaign of strikes and demonstrations over the past three months in which nearly 50 people have been killed.

● **Bombs thrown:** Activists exploded bombs and set fire to a bank in central Dhaka and tore up railway tracks in northern Bangladesh as violence erupted at the weekend during a general strike called by the main opposition parties boycotting the March 3 parliamentary election (Ahmed Fazl writes from Dhaka).

Opposition sources claimed that more than 100 people were injured and more than 50 others were arrested in clashes between demonstrators throwing explosives and police firing tear gas.

The strike, the 22nd since an opposition alliance launched an anti-government campaign last October, immobilized public transport, and shops, banks and schools were closed.

The authorities on Saturday called out the paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles to patrol the capital and Chittagong, where 15 people were killed on January 24 in the worst clashes in recent months between police and opposition supporters.

Cigarette firms challenged by own reports in cancer case

From Charles Bremner
New York

For three decades big American tobacco companies knew that cigarettes could cause cancer yet suppressed the information to keep up sales, according to lawyers who supported their claim in a court with dozens of previously unrevealed industry documents.

The documents, gathered over a four-year period and presented to the court in Newark, New Jersey, on Thursday, *amounted to* the most damning evidence so far in the mounting campaign by cancer victims or their families to win damages against the cigarette-makers.

In a closely watched trial, Mr Antonio Cipollone is claiming that the industry misled his wife, *Rosa,* a heavy smoker who *died of lung* cancer in 1984 at the age of 58. He is seeking damages from the Philip Morris Co, Liggett Group and Lorillard Inc.

In one 1961 memorandum quoted in evidence, a research firm employed by Liggett, makers of L and M cigarettes, reported on the findings of a test using mice that had been conducted since 1954. "There are biologically active materials present in cigarette tobacco. These are: a) cancer causing; b) cancer promoting; c) poisonous," it said.

The tobacco companies have long argued that evidence linking smoking to cancer is inconclusive. The manufacturers have been obliged to print a health warning on packets since *1966,* so the *damage claims* have *focused* on the companies' record in the 1950s and early 1960s.

So far the tobacco companies have fended off more than 50 damage suits, mainly on the grounds that there was no proof that the deaths were caused by smoking and that the *victims* freely chose to smoke, knowing there were risks.

Last Sunday a Mississippi jury failed to reach a verdict in a trial that some experts predicted would end with a finding against one American tobacco company. There, the family of a carpenter argued that the makers were still advertising the healthy properties of cigarettes as recently as the early 1960s.

Tobacco stocks surged on Wall Street on the news of the mistrial, but *experts* warned *yesterday that the New Jersey evidence, the first of its* kind to be presented to a court, could prove damning. One decision against a tobacco company could open the floodgates to similar suits

Mr Marc Edell, lawyer for Mr Cipollone, said his team had gathered documents which showed that the medical literature first alerted the companies to grave health hazards 65 years ago. He quoted a mid-1940s Lorillard memorandum in which a scientist said there was evidence to justify the presumption that smoking caused lung cancer. Yet, Mr Edell said, for three decades they "intentionally deceived" the public with their advertising.

In another 1961 document, the research director of Philip Morris reported that a medically acceptable *cigarette would require* a "reduction of the general level of carcinogenic substances in smoke".

Lawyers for the companies are arguing in Newark that Mrs Cipollone was well aware of the risks in smoking. They said Mr Edell and his expert *witnesses* were *quoting* documents out of context and no one at Liggett had seen the research firm's 1961 memorandum.

Despite the rise of a powerful anti-smoking movement in recent years, the tobacco companies have fought an effective rearguard action against advertising curbs. None is allowed on television, but glossy advertisements in newspapers, magazines and on hoardings still show glamorous models, including outdoor types, cigarettes *in their hands or mouths.*

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The mystery of Heveningham

Why has this elegant Georgian mansion been allowed to fall into neglect?

Sarah Jane Checkland and Andrew Lycett look behind the façade

PETER TRIEVNOR

Saved for the nation once, a great British *country house now* urgently needs to be saved again, after an *early example* of government privatization has gone badly wrong. The house is *Heveningham Hall*, a Grade One listed building near Halesworth in deepest Suffolk. Designed by Sir *Robert Taylor*, its huge 200ft neoclassical facade dominates the neigbourhood and its magnificent Capability Brown parklands.

But after a catalogue of misfortune described by Merlin Waterson, the National Trust's regional director, as "a tragedy", the great house and its gardens *now lie* neglected, its East Wing gutted by fire.

Due to the complexity of the Hall's ownership — not least the involvement of a secretive Arab businessman and a number of leading Conservative politicians — responsibility for enforcing the statutory obligations attached to *its maintenance* as a listed building has fallen between a number of stools.

Starting tomorrow, at the insistence of Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, *is the second public inquiry* into whether the owner, Abdul Amir Al-Ghazzi, should be *allowed — for, he says, reasons of* security — to re-route the ancient footpath which passes close to the *house. The first inquiry ended* with an inspector's recommendation that the path should not be moved: *Ridley did not accept that* verdict, saying the issues were of "more than local interest".

Officially the Secretary of State wishes to look again at the security of the Hall and examine details of a proposed *landscaping* scheme. But Al-Ghazzi's representatives have indicated that they do not intend starting work on the East Wing until the path is moved.

Built between 1778 and 1784 for Sir George Vanneck, Heveningham's facade is regarded as the prototype for the John Nash terraces in Regent's Park; its delicately-painted interiors by James Wyatt have been compared with those of Robert Adam at Syon House and Osterley. Sir Nicholas Pevsner described the hall as "without question the grandest Georgian mansion in Suffolk".

In 1970 the Vanneck family was forced to sell the house to the government. For a decade the National Trust adminstered it on behalf of the Department of the Environment. It did not have the funds to buy it itself. In 1980 the new Conservative government decided to privatize Heveningham and the following year the environment minister, Michael Heseltine, announced in a parliamentary written answer that, subject to a *number* of covenants, he had completed arrangements for the sale of the Hall to Al-*Ghazzi. The price was more than* £700,000.

Since that time the story of *Heveningham has* been plagued by frustrations. Of the covenants, only one — that the Orangery should be restored — has been met in full. The house was supposed to be open to the public 30 days a year. But, apart from 1982 and 1987, it has not — ostensibly because of the need for building works.

In June 1984, the year when restoration was supposed to have been completed, there was a disastrous fire which completely gutted the East Wing, containing the Library and Pink Drawing Room. Little attempt appears to have been made to rebuild this wing, which for a long time was open to the elements, only partly protected by plastic sheeting.

Further misfortunes appear to have spurred Al-Ghazzi to seek the removal of the footpath. Important Coade stone plaques *were stripped from the entrance* lodges, and, last summer, a priceless Wyatt fireplace was expertly *removed by thieves from the* Dining Room.

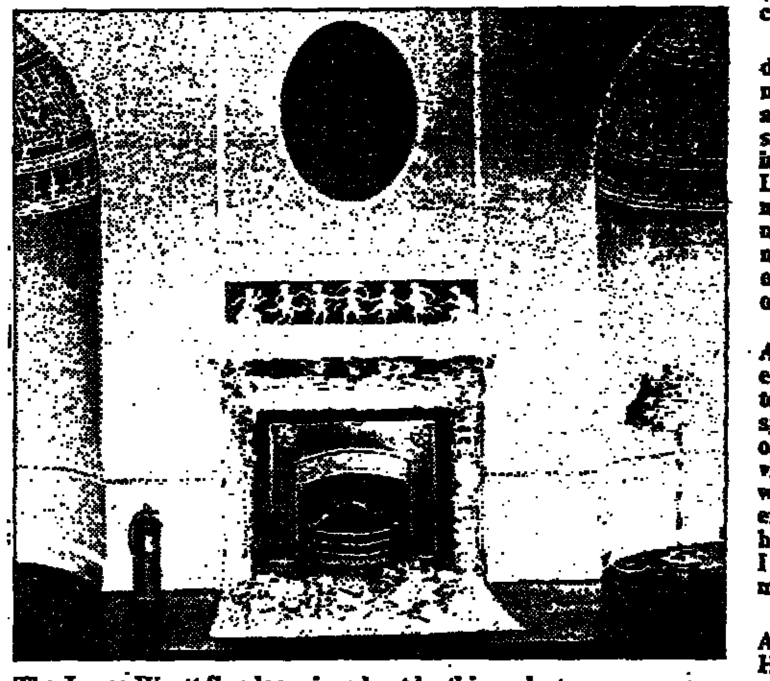
Al-Ghazzi has spent an esti*mated £2 million on rewiring and* reroofing, and has always sought the best possible advice, calling in experts such as Charles Brown, architect in charge of restoring York Minster after its fire, to report on the East Wing. Tenders were invited almost two years ago, but work still has not started.

Yet some of the restoration in the rest of the house and gardens has, according to many observers, been patchy and in poor taste. Tim Barber, who worked as a surveyor at the house, says: "The builders didn't take sufficient care. They didn't cover the architraves, or use the right materials." Part of the original colour scheme has been over-painted with modern matt colours. In 1984 the DoE was forced to repossess important James Wyatt furniture because it had been damaged.

However, an authority on *Wyatt's architecture, who went* round the Hall on behalf of the Georgian Group, says: "One can *always quibble about details* of restoration, but all the structural work has been done very soundly."

Neil Ward, assistant director of planning services for Suffolk Coastal District Council, says: "The problem is that the complex work carried out hasn't been done under one expert supervisor. We see many faces when dealing with Heveningham. We have taken pains to persuade them to find a British architect to oversee and coordinate what's going on there."

It has also proved difficult to establish which government body has overall responsibility for the hall. "Part of the problem is that English Heritage and the DoE pass *the buck,*" *Marcus Binney*, founder and now president of Save Britain's Heritage, says.


The James Wyatt fireplace ripped out by thieves last summer — one of several acts of vandalism which the owners of Heveningham Hall (above) have cited in their demand for the footpath's diversion

AL-GHAZZI AND THE TORY CONNECTION

Sir Ian Gilmour

Lord Chelmer

Christopher Patten

Abdul Amir Al-Ghazzi is a bachelor in his early fifties. Tall, his curly hair shot with a touch of grey, he is described by an Arab business associate as "extremely wealthy". He is also extremely secretive. How did he come to be chosen by Michael Heseltine to be the owner of Heveningham Hall?

Al-Ghazzi comes from a royalist background in Iraq — origins *which may help to explain what* art consultant Lord Charles FitzRoy, until recently a director of his *Gulfpark* Property Management company, calls his "obsession with security".

Although there is no reason to believe that he has any dispute with the ruling Ba'ath socialist party in his homeland, in Britain he has courted the company of top Conservative politicians, many of whom have served on the board of his Gulf Development Company, a consulting and trading company based in Park Lane, London.

In June 1968 he set up Gulf Development Company (GDC). One of his first directors was the late Lord Thomson of Fleet. Shortly after the Department of the Environment announced in February 1980 that, provided a suitable owner was found, Heveningham would be sold privately, GDC raised its capital from £100 to £250,000. At that time *GDC's directors* were Lord Chelmer, treasurer of the Conservative Party from 1965 to 1977, and two Conservative MPs, Christopher Patten and Sir Timothy Kitson. Patten had taken over from Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Defence Secretary, in May 1979, when the latter was appointed Lord Privy Seal.

Sir Ian says: "I met Al-Ghazzi in the Middle East or here — I don't remember which — a long time ago." He agrees that he vouched for Al-Ghazzi's suitability as an owner when Heveningham was sold in July 1981. Sir Ian returned to the board of GDC in January 1982, shortly after he had left office — this time as co-chairman (with Lord Chelmer).

Patten remained a director (in the 1982 accounts he is described as managing director) until resigning in June 1983, following his appointment as Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Northern Ireland office.

However, Al-Ghazzi did not buy Heveningham through GDC. Instead he chose another of his companies, ID Investment Development AG, of Glarus, Switzerland. Although Al-Ghazzi signed a covenant with the DoE making him personally responsible for improvements at Heveningham, the fact that the house is owned by a Swiss corporation makes its stipulations difficult to enforce.

In *August 1981, the month after* Michael Heseltine sanctioned the sale of Heveningham, GDC *spawned a wholly owned* subsidiary, Dreamgale, which in October 1981 changed its name to *Gulfpark Property Management* Limited (GPM) — the company that has been largely responsible for the *restoration* of Heveningham.

Initially GPM's two shares were owned by GDC and by another entity described in records at Companies House as Gulf Development (UAE), of Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates. In November 1984 GDC's share was transferred to the Sharjah company, which then became the sole owner. Documents with the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce show that Al-Ghazzi was financial controller of this company. Among its three directors was Lord Chelmer, though he says he *thought* he resigned shortly after its incorporation.

The present position is obscure: the latest accounts available for GPM at Companies House are for 1985 (filed in November 1986). *Inquiries by The Times in Sharjah* show that Gulf Development (UAE) no longer exists. It was closed down in *1986*.

Dennis Walters, who remains a director of GDC, says GPM has no relationship with GDC. "As far as I'm concerned, it's not a subsidiary of GDC. It has not impinged on the work of GDC." Lord Chelmer concurs: "I have never actually been involved in the management of (Heveningham), nor in the work that has been done on it." He resigned from the board of GDC in 1986.

Repeated requests to talk with *Al-Ghazzi have been refused. The* estate manager at Heveningham told *The Times* that GDC does not speak to journalists because "none of them are fair". He added: "Our views are very clear. We gave our word (about the house). We want extra security. Imagine if in your house there was a public footpath. I don't feel secure when I sleep in my cottage (at Heveningham)."

Asked whether he still considers Al-Ghazzi a suitable owner for Heveningham, Sir Ian Gilmour said: "Yes, I do. I can't imagine anyone who would have spent even a quarter of what he did."

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Older heads under the helmet

In one county, at least, the police are getting older. The Bedfordshire force is turning to middle-aged recruits, who are loving every minute of the job

Alan Weller

Jane Caldwell: "People are more polite to me than the average middle-class schoolchild was."

Three years ago Jane Caldwell was a disaffected middle-aged teacher in a Bedfordshire *comprehensive* school. Today, aged 46 and the mother of four teenagers, she is WPC 902, pounding the beat at 3am in Bedford town centre and enjoying the sort of job satisfaction she lost years ago in the classroom.

Nor is she the lone "mature" recruit *in the small* county force. A few miles away WPC Janet Molloy, aged 43, and PC James Stockton, aged 40, both in their first year as trainee constables, are patrolling Dunstable.

Their experiences are of interest to Scotland Yard, which is now taking the first steps towards recruiting a corps of middle-aged officers for street patrols. More than two years ago, Chief Constable Alan Dyer quietly abandoned age limits for recruits in Bedfordshire. Since 1986, 10 per cent of its 120 recruits have been over 30, the upper age limit for almost every other force.

Bedfordshire believes the mature recruit is steadier and has a better understanding of people and life than a raw 18-year old. Also, at a time when the police nationally are relying more on women officers, many of whom leave within a few years of training, the Caldwells and Molloys are seen as sensible appointments. With their children nearly grown up, they could give their employers 15 years or more of uninterrupted service.

PC Stockton hopes it could be as long as 20 years. He gave up a job as a tyre manager and took a pay cut to become a constable on £10,500 per year. "I can retire at 55 with a decent pension and work somewhere else," he says. "The choices are all open to me. In my other job you are classed as an old man. *Junior* executives end up with bad hearts and high blood pressure."

'I wake up and look forward to going into the station'

WPC Caldwell had thought about becoming a policewoman while taking an economics and sociology degree, but she abandoned the idea when she got engaged. By her early forties, teaching had become boring and difficult; but when she proposed joining the police, her husband "was quite bewildered at first".

WPC Molloy had also thought about a police career in her teens, dropping the idea *to get married. As her family* grew up she started working part-time for the police, became a *special* constable and transferred.

Having made their de*cisions, backed by their fam*ilies, all three faced the prospect of 27 weeks' training, including 14 weeks at police training school. Caldwell, then the oldest recruit in Britain, found herself alongside a former pupil. It was a regime which included cross-country runs, carrying out orders at quick march — even for coffee breaks — and dress parades. "I have looked in the mirror many *mornings* shaving, especially facing a seven-mile run, and asked what am I *doing here?" Stockton said* ruefully.

On the last school day the recruits faced a mock riot exercise; yet none showed anxiety at the prospect of putting on a uniform which has become a target for attack.

Caldwell, who was once attacked by a disturbed pupil, said: "People are more polite to me than the average middle-class school child was."

Both she and Stockton have already dealt with difficult or *potentially dangerous people* and emerged unscathed. Caldwell was among officers dealing with a *schizophrenic* equipped with an iron bar, and also took part in the arrest of a man blackmailing homosexuals. A *simple* traffic offence on a Saturday afternoon led Stockton into a full-scale chase after a fleeing drunk, disqualified driver. He caught his man.

Stockton accepts that the *job is not one of everyday* dramas but peaks and troughs. The latter usually occur late at *night or when waking* at 5.30am for an early shift, but there are no regrets. Caldwell says: "*I love it. I wake up each* morning and look forward to going into the station."

The force has no complaints either. To the public the policy may seem like changing *The Bill* for *Dixon of Dock Green*, but Michael Taylor, deputy chief constable and head of personnel, says: "*We are a* small force with the time and ability to treat each applicant on *its merits. The mature* entrant can bring a lot into the service."

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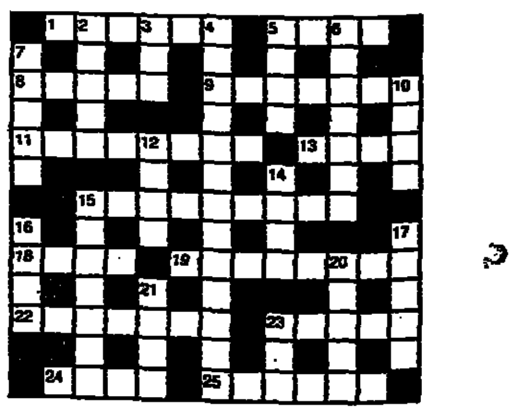

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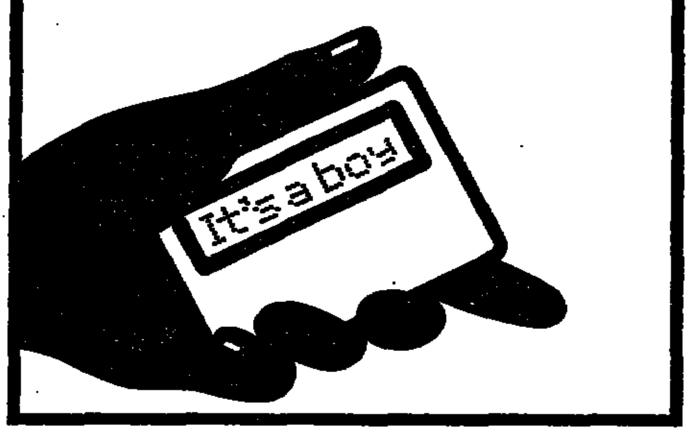

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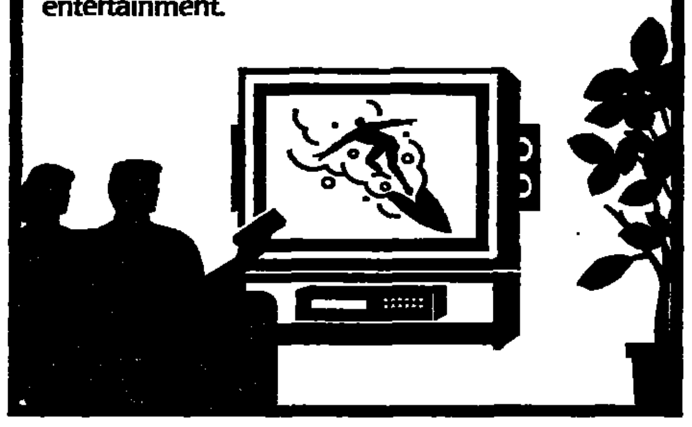

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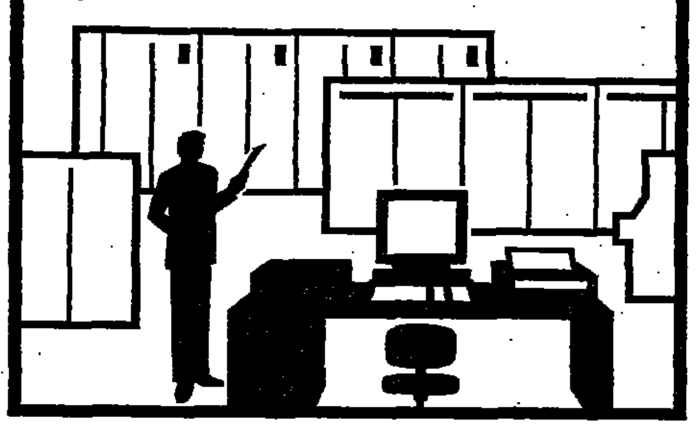

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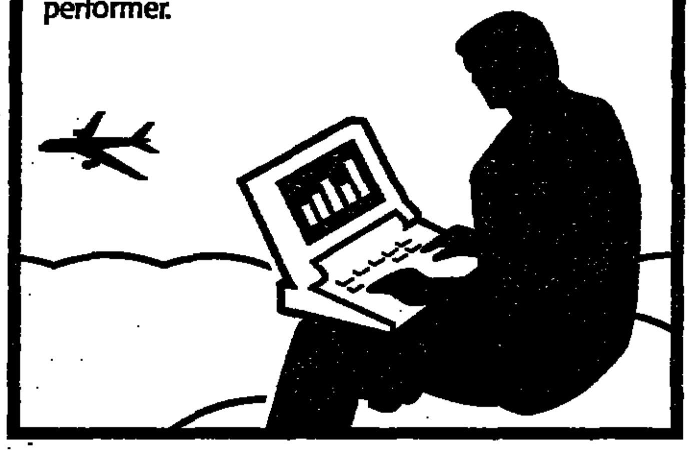

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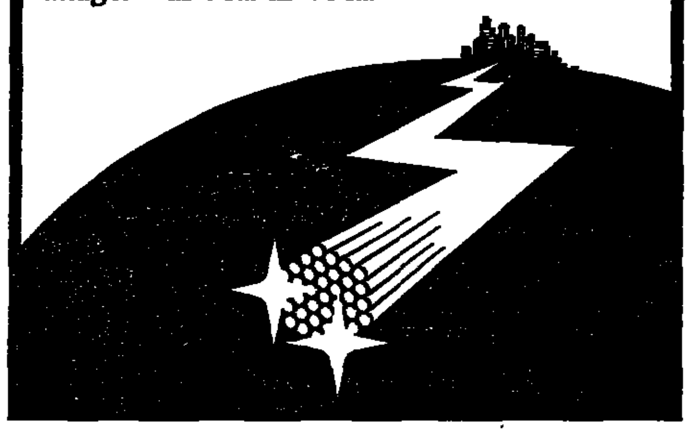

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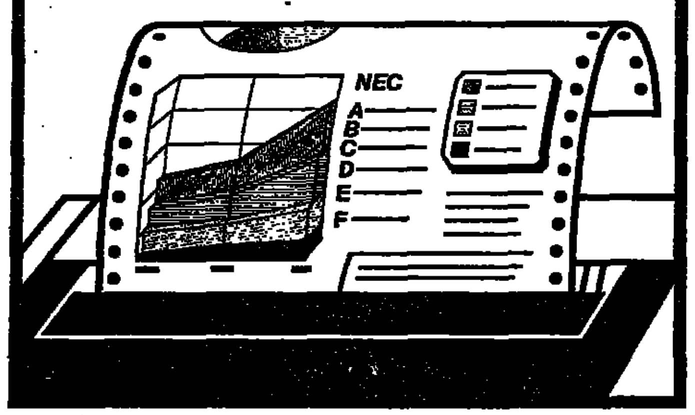

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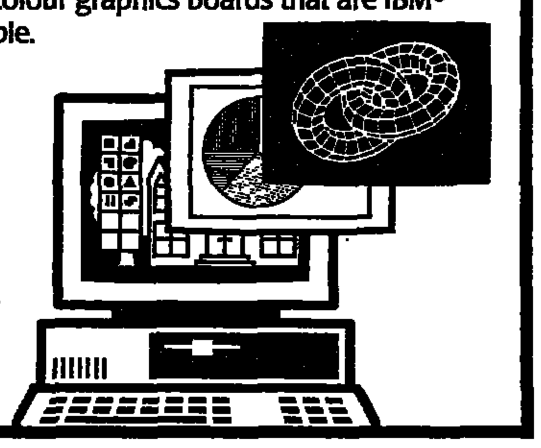

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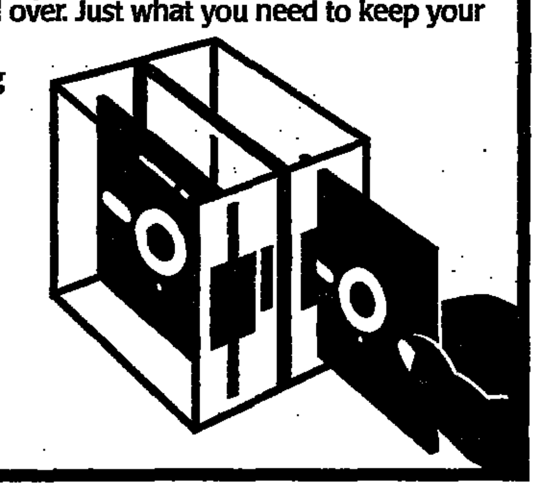

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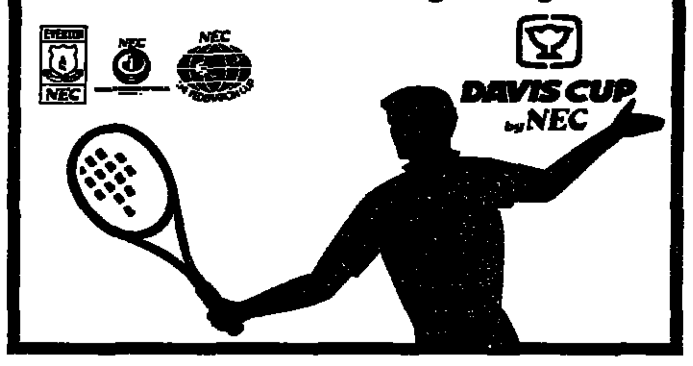

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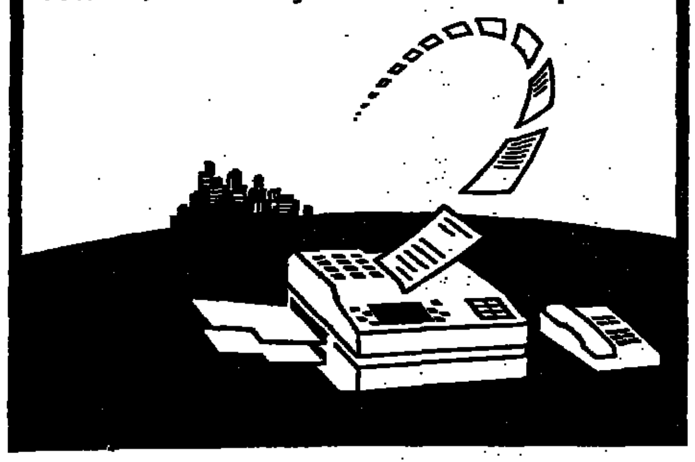

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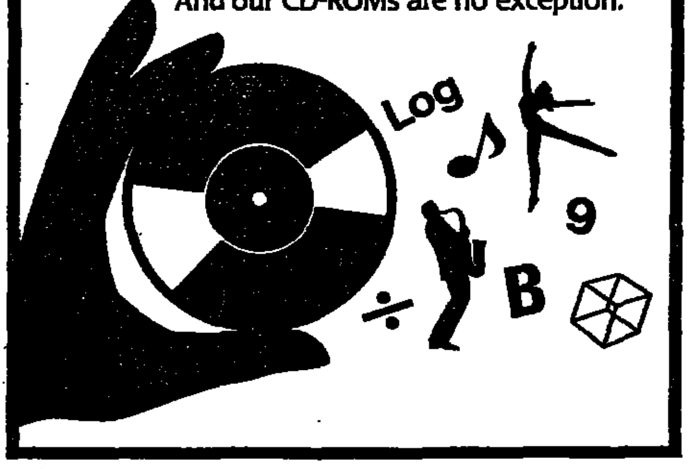

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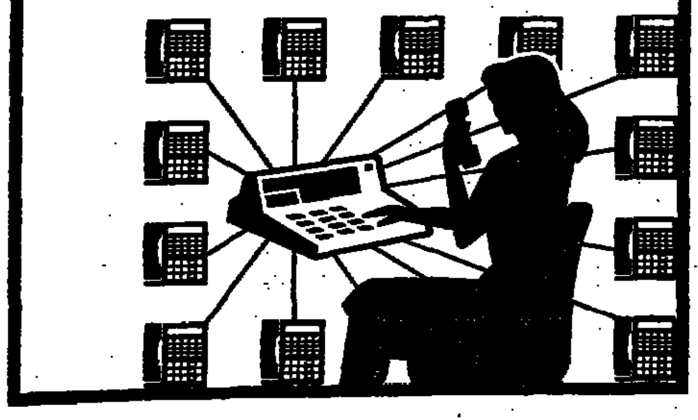

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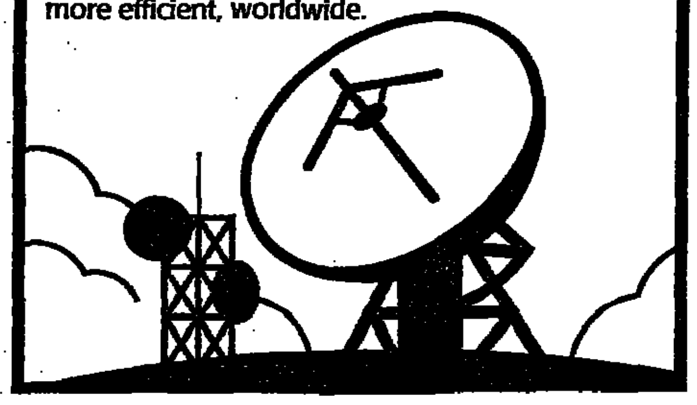

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CLEMENT FREUD

They arrived with their in-flight bags stuffed with warm croissants from Bertaux's bakery and cartons of Marks and Spencer's freshly squeezed orange juice; here and there friends who had come to see them off waved goodbye and wished them well. Prior to the start of proceedings they shuffled in an orderly queue towards the ladies (most of them *were* ladies) and it was noticeable that of the assembled company, which numbered around one hundred, 70 per cent were elderly, 1 per cent unseated MPs.

Inside they removed their coats and jackets and folded them carefully beneath their seats, introduced themselves to people sitting nearby and shook hands, then settled down for the eight hours that it takes, including a 90-minute break.

I write of *Little Dorritt* at the Curzon Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, in two parts, each longer than *Fatal Attraction*, which I had seen the day before: there, women outnumbered men by eight to one and the average age was in the late twenties, exiles from singles bars who are feeling the pinch. Happy Hour is not what it was.

Tomorrow's vote on the televising of Parliament is the only genuinely "free" vote of the calendar. It is an issue in which Members can go through the lobby of their choice without invoking the wrath of anyone – with the possible exception of their local TV station.

Unlike other un-whipped issues – abortion, capital punishment or Sunday trading – no one suggests that this should be the subject of a referendum; and yet enhancing or diminishing the reputation of Parliament, which televising its proceedings would do, has to be balanced against the possibility of losing *Bullseye*, *Dallas* and the *Antique Road Show*.

If MPs vote for the cameras (and remember that last week TV crews in the House of Lords missed the best "happening" in the three years that their impedimenta have blemished that fine chamber) it will have absolutely nothing to do with the wishes of their constituents.

Catchphrases date, but they do not go away until they are replaced. Could it be time to pull the plug on Norman Tebbit's "on your bike" now that Kenneth Baker is speaking about "cloistered cycles"? The Secretary of State for Education and Science is concerned about this cloistered cycle syndrome, which leaves academics with too little knowledge of the world of work; he wants men of learning to come out, open up and look around . . . old-speak for "off your bike".

Addressing the Institute of Directors last week, Baker announced government plans to give teachers their chance, at least once per decade, to work in industry during the school holidays. Were it not for his own tunnel vision (OK, cloistered cycle approach), he would know that as a consequence of his department's curmudgeonly stand on salaries, a fair proportion of young teachers already take jobs during the school holidays, not so much to strengthen links between education and industry as to make ends meet.

It would be uplifting if Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, could persuade industrialists to take sabbaticals in education and see what they can pick up . . . and what sort of life style they can maintain on it.

BARRY FANTONI

'I had no idea they employed doctors and nurses'

This is positively the last opportunity to embark on the "lose nine pounds over five days slimming programme" in time for the St Valentine's celebrations. The sure-fire system involves taking absolutely no sustenance except very dry white wine for days one, three and five; only water-biscuits on days two and four – though as much wine and as many water-biscuits as you like.

On the morning of day six, if you persevere, you will have achieved your target weight loss; the difficulty is to fit three days of inebriation interspersed by two days of rampant halitosis into a working week, but it is effective and the rewards are considerable – like two inches from your waistline.

At 11am today, Monsieur Raymond Barre officially announces his candidature for the presidency of France. He now looks an unlikely winner, trailing his fellow Gaullist Jacques Chirac by over two points in the opinion polls, with both men substantially behind the incumbent, François Mitterrand.

Of the trio Barre is the most enigmatic, arguably the brightest and indisputably the plumpest – something he has in common with a fair proportion of his Lyons constituents. The region he represents is quite especially *sérieux* when it comes to gastronomy, Rhone Alpes boasting more Michelin three-star establishments than the rest of the country put together. Lyons is to be the location for the episode on gluttony in a new television series on the Seven Deadly Sins – updated.

It was not ever thus: towards the end of the 13th century Cardinal Hugo wrote in his day-book: "When we came to Lyons it was a town of few amenities and three brothels. When we left there was but one brothel. It stretched from the western wall of the city to the eastern one."

Mervyn Stockwood on the lessons of history still unlearnt

Church crisis as before

"The Church as it now exists, no human power can save. When I think of the Church I could sit down and pine and die". "I confess to entertaining the gloomiest apprehensions as to the future of the Church of England. I can hardly think of anything else".

These are not quotations from the *Crockford* preface. The first are the words of Thomas Arnold, headmaster of Rugby School, shortly before Victoria came to the throne; the second of Lord Balfour, prime minister at the turn of the century.

Oliver Cromwell, when arranging for the education of his son Richard, said to the school master: "I would have him learn a little history" – a lesson which the Church of England has found hard to learn.

For instance the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1903-28, Randall Davidson, was faced by two major controversies. One centred on Bishop Frank Weston, a rigidly uncompromising High Churchman who broke off relationships with his two neighbouring bishops because they shared the Holy Communion service with Free Churchmen.

Then the Bishop of Hereford appointed to his diocese B.H. Streeter, a liberal theologian who had an open mind on the Virgin Birth and the physical Resurrection of Christ. The appointment horrified the traditionalists and Weston added a third diocese to his expulsion list.

On the last occasion I saw Archbishop William Temple a deputation was awaiting him to protest against a reunion scheme involving several denominations in South India. The deputation had warned him that a thousand clergy would leave the Church of England if the scheme went ahead: "I think their bank managers will advise caution," Temple remarked.

Then he pointed to an envelope on his desk: "This arrived this morning. It comes from R.O. Hall, the Bishop of Hong Kong. He tells me that because of wartime difficulties and the ensuing shortage of clergy, he has ordained two women to the priesthood"; and then with that wonderful chuckle of his he added: "At least he has established a tribe of Levi so we shall never again suffer from clergy shortages".

During the war, with conscription and travel restrictions, conferences were few and bishops and clergy did the work for which they were ordained. Then came peace, and the Church Assembly (the church parliament of the time) embarked upon the revision of Canon Law – Archbishop Fisher being content to spend 20 years drafting an ecclesiastical rule book which meant as little to the clergy and the man in the pew as the edicts of the Sanhedrin meant to the twelve disciples.

But worse was to follow. The Church Assembly gave place to the General Synod, with its many subsidiary bodies. I was one of the few bishops who opposed its creation.

Having served for many years on two city councils, Bristol and Cambridge, and subsequently in the House of Lords, I knew the rules that governed synodical government procedures would prove to be constitutional nonsense. And so it has proved, but more disastrously than my gloomiest predictions.

The General Synod is inevitably the playground of ecclesiastical politicians. I do not question their sincerity, although about what they are sincere I am not quite sure. What I do know is that the world in which they live is an infinity from that of the man in the pew, let alone the man in the street. Tragic though the outcome of the *Crockford* preface has been, the incident is incomprehensible except to those to whom ecclesiastical in-fighting and gossip constitute meat and drink.

Jesus dedicated his life to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God in order to enable men and women to achieve their true destinies as Children of their Heavenly Father. He said virtually nothing about the Church. With the General Synod; the reverse seems to be true: it is obsessed with the Church and appears to attach less importance to the Kingdom. If we heed Cromwell's warning, we shall know from our history books that, whenever the Church has taken precedence over the Kingdom, the result has been inquisitions, disasters and the betrayal of the Gospel.

I believe the strength of the Church of England lies in the latitude it allows in doctrinal interpretation. But attempts have often been made to impose a more rigid discipline.

With regard to sexual rigorism, there are few issues which excite the Church more than "bed" behaviour, but rarely consistently. At the time I was born, the bishops condemned contraception, but by 1930 it was accepted as normal. Now, largely because of Aids, it is homosexuality that heads the list. When I started at Southwark in 1959 I sought advice on homosexual clergy from my brother-over-the-Thames, the Bishop of London, Dr Montgomery-Campbell, who advised me thus:

"Remember that in this vast metropolis there are creatures of doubtful gender, some of whom wear clerical collars. Indeed, it is thought that we have already women priests, though far be it from me to besmirch the genuine article". As bishops knew so little about sexuality and genetical research, he said, it would be wiser to maintain a discreet silence until we were better informed.

In this matter especially, the Church would be well advised to learn a little history from the consequences of its obsession with sexual matters.

The Church of England is but a small part of the Anglican Communion. It counts neither more nor less than its sister-churches in other parts of the world – Africa, Australia, the United States or Canada. Too often it claims a primacy that is not found even in the Church of Rome. Its arrogance, for instance, with regard to the ordination of women in America, springs from a historical ignorance of the Boston Tea Party, with the result that some bishops appear to regard America as a colony and its church as an appendage of the diocese of London, which, at one time, it was: "My Lords, I would have you learn a little history".

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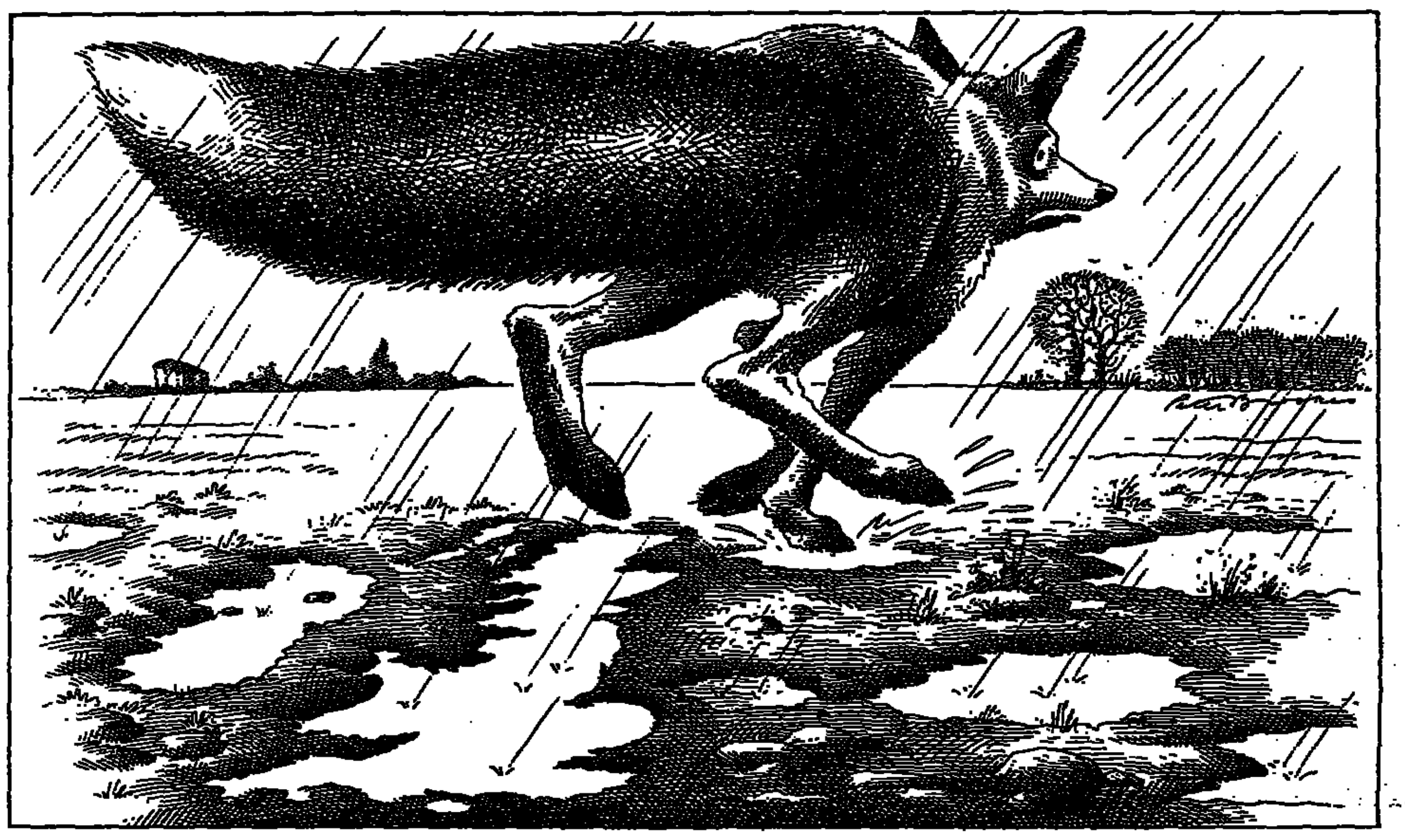
Pursuing the unmentionable



Despite appearances, this column is not about fox-hunting; the subject does no more than supply my analogy. But, after all, Brer Fox has provided many in his time.

I have always held that what is wrong with fox-hunters is not that they hunt foxes but that they tell such ridiculous lies about why they do it. They say they are maintaining the ecological balance in the countryside, that they are doing farmers a good turn by keeping down a pest which eats their chickens, that they are helping to break class barriers by keeping alive a sport followed by all sorts and conditions of men, even that they are doing the foxes a favour because when a hunted fox is caught it is always immediately killed, whereas if hunting was stopped people would shoot the foxes instead, and many of them would crawl away wounded, to die in slow agony. Cabbage-water, every word of it; fox-hunters hunt foxes for one reason only, and no other consideration enters into their pursuit. They hunt foxes because they enjoy doing so.

Now if the fox-hunters told the truth about their pastime, people would still divide into those who think that it should be prohibited and those (not all of them fox-hunters) who think that it shouldn't; but it would at least be possible to respect them for their frankness, rather than – as at present – almost impossible to avoid despising them for their cowardice and mendacity. Stand by for the analogy. For it is the Home Office, not fox-hunting, that provides my subject today.

The Home Office, through no fault of its own, has for very many years now been charged by successive governments with the responsibility of seeing that every possible obstacle is put in the way of prospective immigrants to this country whose skins are discernibly darker than that of the average British-born citizen who has just come back from a fortnight on the Costa Brava in midsummer.

That, of course, is not how it has been put; the original fiction (and at least Mr Enoch Powell, for all the harm he has done and failed to do, is not guilty of promulgating it) was that it was numbers, not colour, which had provoked concern. Even that most pleasant and genial of crooks, Reggie Maudling, had to go along with the absurd and degrading pretence; I remember him, sweating so profusely that it misted up my television screen, expounding the theory of "patriality" that some daftie (Lord Hailsham, probably) had dreamed up; we were supposed to believe that it had nothing to do with – er – persons of colour.

Well, the Home Office has long since mastered the complicated technology involved in the use of the colour filter, and the flow of immigrants from the "New Commonwealth" (another magnificently fraudulent term, also invented to avoid mentioning colour) has been reduced to the thinnest of trickles. (British consulates have learned the lesson, too – to such an extent, indeed, that the waiting list even for interviews for those with a claim to be allowed into Britain is now two years long.)

Among the tricks of the trade is the rejection out of hand of a claim, made by one seeking immigration, to be directly related to someone already admitted and a British citizen, for the establishment of such a claim gives legal weight to the plea. But since wholly conclusive documentary proof of such relationships is rarely available, it is easy for the Home Office officials conducting the admission test to refuse the application, and in no time at all there is another darkie, with a wife and four children waiting for him in Southall, hanging himself with his braces in a lavatory at Heathrow.

Suddenly, the situation changes. We have recently read of crimes brought home to the offender by what is called "genetic fingerprinting"; a most useful discovery. But somebody has noticed that the same technique can be used to determine whether Mr Patel is really the son of Mrs Ditto.

The new test, as you can readily see, has put the Home Office on the spot. With no scientific evidence, the officials of that lazar-house are not only within their rights in turning away an immigrant; nobody can prove that the decision is unjust – indeed, nobody can *know* (apart from the immigrant and his family) whether it is.

Now if there is one thing that Home Office ministers and officials would die for it is their access to unlimited supplies of injustice. At a scientific stroke, they looked like being deprived of a huge proportion of their precious commodity.

What did they do? Well, they could have said ("We enjoy hunting foxes") that it has long been national policy to limit to the very smallest numbers possible the entry of "coloured" immigrants, that the great majority of white citizens agree with and applaud this policy, and that the Home Office will therefore use all means in its power to enforce it. That, after all, is what they actually do.

Such a declaration would have the merit of being true; it would also be popular. Of course, it would draw fire from people like me, but as Alexander the Great said to Louis Quatorze (unless it was a different couple of fellows altogether), "How many divisions has Levin?" Above all, though, it would exactly reflect the situation that obtains at this moment; it would, in other words, be realistic.

True, popular, realistic; how often does any ministry, let alone the Home Office, find itself with a policy that has all three of those qualities? But did it jump to defend this policy on honest grounds? Come; do you still not know the Home Office, even after reading me on the subject for decades? It rejected the truth for a cloud of evasion; it said that the scientific test wasn't good enough, and was too expensive.

I am not one who accepts the claims of science without acceptable and intelligible evidence. But the courts insist on an even more searching test, and even they have accepted the "genetic fingerprint" test. So the test can send a villain down for twenty years, while everybody, including the Home Office, applauds, but it cannot be allowed to prove that it's a wise father who knows his own child. And at £105 for each test (the figure is the Home Office's, so it should at once be divided by three), it is suddenly so solicitous of the taxpayer's interests that it cannot countenance such expenditure.

Do you know what Bishop Butler really said? He said: "Things and actions are what they are, and their consequences will be what they will be; why, then, does the Home Office desire to deceive other people, particularly when it invariably fails to, provoking nothing but raspberries and incredulity, and serve the bastards right, my goodness me, eh, what?"

I have written a good deal about the dangers of euphemism, particularly the kind which leads to the belief that if you change the name of a thing you have changed its nature. The reason it is dangerous is that euphemism works only in one direction; its effect is invariably to conceal a true but uncomfortable fact behind a false but sweet-smelling one. But true facts, however uncomfortable, must in the end be faced, and the longer they are left unfaced, and the more they are painted in pastel colours, the worse their effect will be.

So it is with the Home Office's pretence that the new scientific test for propinquity of relationship is not conclusive on the one hand and too costly on the other. Behind this unsavoury nonsense lies a real debate, a debate about race and colour and prejudice and governmental responsibility and the nature of our society and tolerance and fear. Well, then, let us have the debate; is it right to ban hunting, or is it not? Some will say yes, and some no; but the chairman will be instructed to rule out of order anyone who argues that the fox enjoys it.

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Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Family neglect

At Question Time last Monday Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-General, told MPs that the Government had now spent £575,000 in legal costs over the *Spycatcher* affair. There was nothing defensive about his reply. He went on to add loftily that it was "money well spent".

On Wednesday Sir Patrick was back before MPs with a statement on the Unification Church, better known as the Moonies. In a response that will have astounded the thousands of families who have been torn apart by the depredations of that pernicious cult, Sir Patrick said that the Government no longer felt the evidence was strong enough to pursue its appeal against the Charity Commissioners' refusal to remove the Moonies' tax-free status. He could not justify the "great expense".

So there we have it. The Government is prepared to use £575,000 and as much more as it takes to pursue its own ends over *Spycatcher*. But on a practical issue which could affect any family in the land in human terms it has neither the stomach, nor, it suggests, the cash for the fight.

No wonder government lawyers get a knighthood to go with the first step on the ladder as Solicitor-General. Beside the pronouncements expected of them the normal hypocrisies of politics pale.

But the contrast in Sir Patrick's statements raises a deeper question. At any Tory conference or rally we are assured that the Conservatives are the party of the family, committed to the preservation of the family as the key unit in a stable society. Yet can that claim still be sustained?

Take the simple question of the taxation of man and wife. After nine years of Conservative government we still have a tax system which discriminates against marriage and gives a worse deal to the woman with a husband. It continues to pay to live in sin. The Chancellor is looking at reforms, we are told. But at the same time comes the warning that it may take more than a single Budget to put things right. After nine years to think about it?

Look at child benefit. It is a key way in which the Government reduces the burden of taxation for families. It is the most effective way under our present system to reduce family poverty, one of the few real methods of softening marginal rates of tax for those at poverty trap level. Yet under this government child benefit is not so much under constant review as under constant threat.

Twice in three years it has not been uprated in line with inflation. The one item paid directly to mothers, 95 per cent of whom spend it on clothing for their children, it has been cut by the equivalent of £30 per child per year.

Worse than that, it has been the subject of a blatant piece of electoral cynicism. The Tory manifesto said: "Child benefit will continue to be paid as now". The voters were surely entitled to take that as "child benefit will continue to be paid bearing the same relation to the cost of living as it does now", not as "child benefit will continue to be paid at June '87 rates, whatever happens to the RPI".

Consider what the poll tax will do for the cohesion of the family. It will be paid by everyone over 18, and as Michael Heseltine has warned, it will be far easier for young people to evade the tax if they leave home and seek more anonymous accommodation in bedsitter-land.

As for the notion that families should look after their elderly parents, poll tax will hardly encourage that. The pro-family party is arranging that poll tax will be paid by the elderly parent who remains in the family while those moved out into a local authority home will pay none. Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, will have given us the granny tax.

None of this, of course, is deliberate. It is the accidental outcome of a range of policies. In its new social security measures, for example, the Government is making efforts to target more help, not less, on the worst-off families. But has an overall objective got lost somewhere?

I only note in passing that whereas the 1983 Conservative manifesto promised to build a society which allowed the family to flourish, and had a complete chapter devoted to "Responsibility and the Family", you can comb through all 77 pages of the 1987 manifesto without seeing the word family once.

SCIENCE REPORT

Dolphin and Doggie

British scientists are looking down. They are at work on a long-term plan to build small, unmanned robots that could be sent out to explore the depths of the oceans, just as satellites survey the Earth from space.

The Autosub programme is the creation of Dr Brian McCartney, director of the National Environment Research Council's Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory near Liverpool.

The idea came as a response to the challenge posed by the rapid advance of information technology. Scientists hope that the new super-computers can be used to predict accurately the great changes in the ocean's currents, affecting as they do global weather patterns and the world's fishing industries.

Ocean surveys carried out in the traditional way, by ships, could never hope to quench a super-computer's thirst for data. Thus the potential for fleets of robot submarines.

McCartney envisages a self-propelled, teardrop-shaped robot submersible called Dolphin (Deep Ocean, Long Path, Hydrographic Instrument) which could perform many of the tasks of an ocean-going survey ship. On a normal transatlantic run a survey ship stops at a hundred or so sites to lower instruments that measure the ocean's temperature, salinity, pressure, currents

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and so on at various depths. Some six to eight hours are needed at each survey point. Gathering data is slow and expensive – each transatlantic trip costs more than £500,000.

Packed with electronics, a Dolphin could be launched from Land's End, for example, and then left to its own devices. It would use small on-board computers to find its own way across the ocean, over to Cape Cod perhaps. While at sea, the Dolphin would follow pre-programmed instructions, descending to the depths to make measurements and then coming up to the surface to check its position and to relay by satellite the information it had collected. Dolphin could collect twice as much information as a survey ship in the same length of time.

Dolphin's activities could be supplemented by a free-ranging robot called Doggie (Deep Ocean Geological and Geophysical Explorer), designed to survey the seabed close up, using sonar.

Dropped from a ship, Doggie could be left to manoeuvre along a pre-programmed course on the sea bed, collecting data as it went, and then be picked up several days later.

Unmanned submersibles could boldly go where mariners dare not venture – under the ice cap and into the depths of storms. They could also follow the paths of underwater eddies and currents.

The design and construction of Dolphin and Doggie will pose formidable technical problems. A new battery will have to be developed to propel Dolphin for 4,000 miles while also powering its computer and instruments. New materials will be needed to provide a light hull capable of withstanding the enormous pressures of the deep sea. McCartney thinks much could be learnt from spacecraft design and construction.

Prototypes might be ready by the early 1990s but large-scale exploration seems unlikely before the next century.

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MARKET MECHANISMS

By the end of this week, we will all be a little wiser about what went wrong with world stock markets on October 19 last year, the day Wall Street followed London into precipitous decline and lost nearly a quarter of its value in six hours. A little wiser, but not a lot wiser. Piece by piece, the events of the week which began with "Black Monday" and ended with every American being $5,000 the poorer, on paper at least, are being assembled into a complete picture.

This week, a month after the United States presidential task force completed and published an inch-thick report into the crash, the London Stock Exchange will produce its own findings, while the Bank of England is set to outline the results of its own investigation in the regular *Quarterly Bulletin*. In the United States capital, a Senate inquiry continues to take evidence.

The various inquiries are concerned with the mechanisms of the market rather than the underlying problems of the United States economy which caused investors to sell shares rather than buy them. The view is being taken, narrowly but rightly, that the markets must be able to function efficiently and without panic no matter what unexpected economic information hits the news wires.

"Black Monday" was sparked by an unexpectedly high trade deficit in the United States on the previous Friday. Over the weekend, investors considered the economic situation and on Monday morning came in to sell. The question is not what turned up the gas, but why the market boiled over.

Those who use the markets and those who have to regulate them have already arrived at a number of common conclusions. The most important, and with hindsight the most obvious, is that what were previously independent markets have become inextricably linked. The futures and options markets are tied, through overlapping financial instruments, to the stock markets. And the stock markets of London, New York and Tokyo can no longer function in isolation.

The different investigations are all being independently conducted: London taking opinions from the City institutions, the United States Government looking to the gurus of Wall Street, Tokyo keeping quiet. But there is still scope to learn from each other's experiences.

The action in the United States is being played out on the public stage. Like the investigations into Watergate and the arms-for-hostages scandals, the current inquiry into the market crash has been taking evidence before the world's Press, and the investigators are asking questions. If the London authorities listen with care, they may learn a lot.

Last week, John Phelan, the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange told the Senate investigating committee that he feared that violations of his own exchange's rules by firms operating through London were a contributory factor to the crash. It was already clear that the unprecedented declines were due to the interaction of sophisticated futures and options contracts with the stock markets. It is now emerging that "short selling" (selling shares which the vendor does not own in the expectation of buying them back again at a lower price) of New York stocks was taking place through London, in market conditions which would have ruled out short selling on Wall Street itself. While New York was closing the door, London was opening the window.

These are serious allegations and it is to be hoped that the Bank of England and the London Stock Exchange will have investigated this aspect of the crash. But unlike our more open American cousins these institutions have prepared their forthcoming reports in quiet corners taking evidence "off the record", so we cannot know for certain. From what has emerged so far, it does not appear that either the Bank of England or the Stock Exchange will recommend radical reforms, or indeed any reforms at all.

The chairman of the Stock Exchange, Sir Nicholas Goodison, has repeatedly emphasized that London "coped" and did not have to close its doors for business at any time during the crash. But there is ample evidence that it was not always possible for clients to deal. The telephones were left off the market makers' hooks. The market coped, certainly, but it is also capable of improvement.

Even if London had operated faultlessly, its contribution to the savage 508 point decline on Wall Street, indicates that a domestic solution is not enough. One purpose of the deregulation of the London securities markets, "Big Bang", was to ensure its place on the world securities stage, so that London trading would follow Tokyo and then hand over to New York as naturally as night follows day.

New York is changing the rules in the wake of the October crash, but will rightly feel let down if nothing is done to prevent its regulations being circumvented overseas. If Mr Phelan's comment at the weekend that everyone is "flying blind" is to be disproved then London should be taking a closer look at its role in the world securities network.

MR MANIGAT'S DILEMMA

Two years to the day since Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier was forced into exile, his Caribbean island of Haiti has a new president. Mr Leslie Manigat was installed on yesterday's auspicious anniversary, three weeks after winning power in the country's first election for 30 years.

So much for the good news. The bad news is that his victory was secured in a poll which observers declared to be less than "free and fair". The other four main candidates withdrew, in protest over the way in which it was controlled by the army. Even the official figures show that no more than one in three voted — and some say that the real turn-out was only one in ten. As the island's first attempt at an election two months earlier was aborted amid bloodshed and intimidation, few can blame the more prudent voters for staying at home.

Mr Manigat refused to join the boycott, explaining that no solution to the island's crisis was possible without the co-operation of the army. He thus quickly became the army's own choice for president — and in such circumstances could hardly lose.

A one-time associate of the hated Duvalier family, Mr Manigat broke with them when they tried to seize control of the university in Port-au-Prince, and fled into exile himself for over 20 years. A professor of history and international relations, with some diplomatic experience behind him, he is probably the best-known Haitian abroad and certainly among the cleverest. A Catholic by faith and anti-Communist by inclination, he has also said all the right things since topping the poll, promising not only democracy but a broadly-based administration to unite the people.

Critics point however to his personal ambition and pragmatism, which has led him, so they say, to sell his soul to the military in exchange for power. His compliance with an election which sceptics say was rigged, has undermined the legitimacy of his presidency and simply renewed their calls for a fresh poll.

To that, Mr Manigat's reply has been "wait and see". He is probably speaking no more than the truth (however unpalatable) when he says that no one can rule Haiti without the army's blessing. The island has been effectively under military or authoritarian rule for so long, that only a revolution could quickly change things. The 7,000-strong army is the only organized force on the island. No president could fail to be aware of this.

Mr Manigat's problem is that the continuing support of the army is not enough. He also needs the approval of outside powers, notably the United States, Canada and France, which cut their aid to Haiti in protest against the lack of real democracy. Without that aid, he will find his task of rebuilding the shattered economy very difficult. Yet to win it, he may have to forfeit power — and stand again.

If President Manigat is sincere in wanting to improve the quality of life on Haiti, which has the unenviable reputation of being the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, there are a number of programmes he should push through, including reform of the currency and land tenure. A campaign of this kind would risk bringing him into conflict with the army and ruling classes. If he can show his good intentions early on however, and then present himself for re-election, he might win the consensus he needs to stand up to the military — and find favour in Washington and elsewhere.

Haiti has been through so much for so long, that no one shoud expect him to achieve miracles overnight. But they have a right to expect him to try. President Manigat sets out with the good will of the army, which is no bad thing considering his task. He has now to win the good will of the people. At least he deserves a chance to show the West what he can do.

Reform of NHS

From Mr J. B. H. Byfield

Sir, The idea (Professor Lydall, January 22) of instigating a "credit card" system to cure the present ills of the NHS seems to embody several basic disadvantages unlikely to receive any support from many UK electors.

It seems basically wrong that any medical service should be paid for by the patient as expenses are incurred during treatment. Quite apart from the fact that expenses are likely to escalate at a rate far beyond the financial ability of the average patient to repay such "debts", essential and/or prolonged medical care often results in reduction of earning capacity which would make the idea of repayment *after the event* impractical and penal.

Recent figures show (report, February 1) that only a quarter of people currently covered by private medical insurance in the UK are individual subscribers; all the remainder are group or company subscribers. For it is only in schemes involving groups of people that the basic principle of insuring against some possible *future* illness can be achieved with realistically low premiums. This is of particular importance to the elderly, who could not afford the high premiums which their age would otherwise attract.

You write (leading article, January 23) of the "urgency" of the treatment Mr Moore required and then, "He (Mr Moore) wanted it very urgently". Such a statement could refer to either a desperate medical condition or — quite differently — to the speed with which he wished to return to work. The first condition is one in which only the medical profession is competent to establish priorities. The second is one of convenience to the individual patient and of no direct concern to the medical profession.

Assuming (and hoping) that it would be completely unacceptable in the UK to have the equivalent of the 37 million Americans without health cover and therefore dependent on charity or facing bankruptcy, the answer as far as funding is concerned must surely involve compulsory insurance for everyone.

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Sick as a parrot?

From the Reverend Arthur Moss

Sir, Do garden birds ever become seasick as they swing furiously on the nut dispensers we provide for them outside our windows? The winter gales make the whole exercise horrendous.

Mal de mer can be detected easily enough by our fellow passengers' change of colour but the face of the tit is always white and the greenfinch is green. The sparrow hides its condition by never appearing washed. There are, however, degrees of seamanship to be observed..

The bluetit may be sick but he is like a weekend dinghy sailor; there for the hell of it, whatever the weather. Greenfinches go as passengers but more circumspectly and hang on with their tails as well as their claws; while the chaffinch knows the whole thing is ridiculous and waits for the others to drop crumbs to the ground.

Is there any political mileage in this for the parties at this stormy time?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irish suspicion of British justice

From Senator John Robb

Sir, In a settled society, failure to equate law and order with justice would be a cause of dissension. In Northern Ireland's bitterly divided society, such failure undermines the work of men and women of good will, further erodes confidence in institutions and seriously undermines the strenuous efforts which are being made to advance the acceptability of the Royal Ulster Constabulary throughout the community.

In 1982, security forces shot dead six unarmed men without trial in a country which has no death penalty. All attempts to elucidate the truth through enquiry have been thwarted. The "Stalkerisation" of justice is an indictment of Mrs Thatcher's Government and has been a significant factor in the reaction in Ireland to the failure of the appeal by the Birmingham "six".

Yours sincerely,
JOHN ROBB (Chairman,
New Ireland Group),
Fountain Centre,
College Street,
Belfast.
February 2.

From Dr Des Keenan

Sir, Mr Utley's article ("About turn on internment", February 2) raises the question how one legislates against prejudice.

It was the Rev Sidney Smith, I believe, who said that normally sane Englishmen took leave of their senses when discussing Ireland. The converse is true also. Most Irishmen appear incapable of rational thought when discussing England.

If one reads the Irish newspapers of 150 years ago at the time of the so-called "Tithe War" we find the same allegations regarding a policy of "shoot to kill", the same allegations that the coroners' juries, the county grand juries, and the trial juries were fixed, that the attorney general, who was then the public prosecutor, was in league with the police to pervert the courts of justice

Public opinion found the police guilty of wilful murder. Consequently, any verdict returned by any court which did not match that was a cover-up. To this day Irish schoolchildren are told that the juries were "packed", though not one Irishman in a million today could tell you who sat on juries, who selected them, or how many peremptory challenges a defendant was allowed. Facts should never be allowed to interfere with simple beliefs.

The point in this is that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed expressly to give Ulster Catholics confidence in the administration of justice. But that bubble of confidence is burst every time a verdict in the courts does not coincide with popular prejudice.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement, like the 1974 Council of Ireland, was based on a false premise, that it was *possible* to satisfy prejudiced minds. Some years ago I wrote to the Northern Ireland Office suggesting, instead of a formal signed agreement which would only raise hopes and fears, that officers of the rank of inspector from the Gardaí and the RUC should be seconded to work in each others' police stations.

With regard to blind prejudice perhaps only the Catholic Church can help. It can start teaching the whole history of Ireland in the schools, north and south, not just selected parts.

Yours sincerely,
DES KEENAN,
129 Bluebird Walk,
Chalk Hill Road,
Wembley Park, Middlesex.

Universities' future

From Professor the Earl Russell

Sir, Lord Annan's reply to Sir Mark Richmond and to me (February 3) illustrates the success of the Government's strategy of divide and rule. That University College London (in its federal context) is and should remain one of our elite institutions is a proposition on which we will not disagree.

However, Lord Annan is perhaps unaware how much the funding position has worsened in the short time since he went out of office. Vice-chancellors have recently quoted figures showing that universities have lost 33 per cent of their real income since 1979. If ministers do not accept these figures, they should really change their accountants.

Under these circumstances, Lord Annan is asking only for the privilege Polyphemus granted to Odysseus, of being the last devoured. That this privilege proved to be to Odysseus's advantage is one of the things which mark the *Odyssey* as a work of fiction.

What worries us about the current Education Reform Bill is the unholy trinity of sharply reduced funding, abolition of tenure, and ministerial powers which, at the least, are more sharply defined. We wait with some anxiety to discover what will happen next time Sir Keith Joseph's successor discovers there are "Marxists" in the Open University.

Since our concern is academic and not political, we wait with equal anxiety to discover what would happen if a future minister out of Mr Ken Livingstone's stable should discover that there were "racists" in the "University of Bradbury".

Before Mr Robert Jackson (article, January 23) replies that this vigilance is too eternal to be taken seriously, may I remind your readers that I am the son of a scholar of some distinction who twice lost an academic job for non-academic reasons?

Yours faithfully,
RUSSELL,
43 Streatley Road, NW6.
February 3.

From Dr Edmund Marshall

Sir, In his article defending the provisions of the Education Reform Bill relating to universities, Robert Jackson indicates that the proposed Universities Funding Council will have a statutory basis and be alone responsible for allocating public money to universities. That being so, the UFC will itself be subject to parliamentary scrutiny through the Public Accounts Committee and the Select Committee on Education, Science and Arts.

No further provision is needed for accountability for this use of public money. Parliament, rather than the secretary of state, is well able to act as guardian of the public purse. The secretary of state needs "no power of last resort" for this purpose.

The Bill's provisions enabling him to attach "conditions" to UFC funds and to issue "directions" to the council are either redundant or are designed to allow the secretary of state to interfere in choosing which academic disciplines, which teaching courses, or which research projects should use those funds. Fears for the future of academic freedom are well grounded.

Yours truly,
EDMUND MARSHALL,
14 Belgravia Road,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

The abortion debate

From Ms Alison Davis

Sir, The letter from R. H. Lindenbaum (February 3) about abortion reform seems to assume that eugenic abortion is an undisputed good, and that even pro-life people would support it if they really knew the facts.

Anyone who is truly pro-life is opposed to abortion because it kills living human beings. This fact is not amenable to negotiation. Thus, whether or not abnormalities can be detected by 17 weeks is academic. If David Alton is right in saying that abortion after 18 weeks is wrong, those who support him only if handicap is excluded are admitting that it is acceptable to kill on the grounds of handicap alone.

Speaking as someone with a detectable, abortable condition (I have spina bifida) I find this attitude disturbing, divisive and as morally and ethically repugnant to the disabled as apartheid is to black people.

Yours faithfully,
ALISON DAVIS,
35 Stileham Bank,
Milborne St Andrew,
Blandford Forum, Dorset.
February 3.

Multiple sentences

From the Dean Emeritus of Manchester

Sir, Am I alone in regretting what seems to be the increasing practice by the judiciary of handing down more than one life sentence for multiple crimes? It is logically impossible to give more than *one* life sentence, unless of course the judge in question has authoritative information about reincarnation! The practice indeed smacks more of impotent anger than cool judgement.

The question of the detention of a prisoner could easily be covered by the other prevalent practice of making a condition that the guilty person "should serve at least X years" or "should never be released".

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED JOWETT,
37 Stone Delf,
Fulwood,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Drumming up Drake

From the Rector of Farley Chamberlayne

Sir, Your article, "Sir Francis fights again" (January 30) suggests to me that another skirmish is brewing in the Armada anniversary crossfire.

St Mary the Virgin at Monken Hadley claims to have "England's only surviving Armada brazier". That is a dangerous claim, seeking to be challenged! Preserved in the vestry of St John's, Farley Chamberlayne, is a beacon brazier believed to predate the Armada and in perfect condition. It was supplied and maintained by the St John family, lords of the manor of Farley Chamberlayne for some 200 years from the beginning of the sixteenth century.

It seems that the beacon was kept in a constant state of readiness on Beacon Hill, close to the well-known monument of Farley Mount, erected by a later St John. There is little doubt that this brazier would have taken its part in the signalling of the Armada and would undoubtedly have been fired earlier than its counterpart at Monken Hadley.

In view of this, I think the Rector of Farley Chamberlayne can afford to be magnanimous in victory and declare a truce with the Rector of Monken Hadley in our minor twentieth-century skirmish.

Yours faithfully,
D. BRUCE KINGTON,
The Rectory, Braishfield,
Romsey, Hampshire.
February 4.

Curbs on technology sales to Russia

From Dr John Drewe

Sir, Your report (January 30) that at the instigation of the United States more stringent controls are to be imposed on the transfer of technology from Europe to the Soviet Union might make one think that such restrictions are necessary to prevent the avarice of European commerce from enabling the Soviet Union to develop more advanced weapons.

This implication is simplistic: it fails to consider how technology transfer occurs in practice, as determined by the economic policy of each country receiving American technology.

Since 1982 there has been a progressive increase in the number of American corporations regularly supplying the Soviet Union with embargoed products, including computers and advanced scientific equipment having military applications.

Often the prices of the items supplied were considerably higher than prices within the EEC, a fact which might plausibly account for the frequent attempts by Soviet industry to obtain such products from European sources.

A suspicion that the introduction of further trade restrictions cannot be designed entirely to prevent European commerce from endangering the defence of Nato is reinforced by the refusal of the American Department of Commerce to disclose the names of those corporations now trading with the Soviet Union. This refusal was justified on the grounds that it was necessary to protect business from competitors.

Inevitably some of the recent initiatives in Anglo-Soviet trade will be paralysed by these increasingly complex restrictions, which occur at a particularly unfortunate time.

In 1987 a policy to encourage joint enterprises and greater co-operation in science and engineering was ratified by the Soviet Praesidium, and this opportunity, if pursued selectively, would not only have mutual benefits but would also ensure a growth in trade despite changes in Soviet industrial policy preventing increases in direct imports.

Technology transfer is inherent within the existing economic framework in Europe: once advances applicable to defence systems are declassified, advertised and sold to profit the manufacturer, no scheme to restrict the final user can possibly succeed.

There are already a number of well-established routes through "interface" countries whereby embargoed technology is supplied through ostensibly reputable companies which make use of the business secrecy of some European countries to protect their owners from investigation by authorities in America or the EEC.

Indeed the last paragraph of your report reveals the fallacy inherent in such schemes: the agreement to prohibit the transfer of new technology was obtained only by removing the restrictions on the items already reaching the Soviet Union.

Yours faithfully,
J. DREWE,
148 Willifield Way,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.
February 2.

Violence on TV

From Sir Martin Le Quesne

Sir, Surely, in his report on the Independent Broadcasting Authority research into what viewers think of violence on television (details, early editions, January 29), your Media Editor omitted to comment on the most remarkable of all the statistics thrown up, namely that 21 per cent of viewers (nearly seven million) disagreed with the statement that "There is already enough violence in real life"? A further 24 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed.

In other words, only just over half the viewers are getting what they regard as an adequate ration of violence in their daily life.

Is it not a corollary of this that the other half are suffering deprivation on a scale which calls for further urgent research?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
MARTIN LE QUESNE,
Beau Désert,
St Saviour, Jersey, CI.

Cost of motoring

From the Chief Executive of BP Oil

Sir, Daniel Ward's article on petrol pricing (January 21) paints a realistic picture of the relative spread of petrol prices in the country. Perhaps I could make the point, though, that the actual prices quoted have for some weeks now been overtaken by events. Petrol prices are, as ever, responding to economic facts and are coming down. Since before Christmas, four-star prices have been below 170p a gallon in all urban areas.

Of greater concern to me, however, are the points raised by Mr Smart in his letter of January 12 on the price of unleaded petrol. Mr Smart comments that the price of unleaded petrol does not always follow that of leaded petrol when petrol prices generally are coming down, as is the case at the moment.

I can only speak for my own company, but the policy is clear. The price to the retailer of both leaded and unleaded fuel changes simultaneously. It is unfortunately the case at present that sales of unleaded petrol are very low. With large amounts tied up in slow-moving stock we do have understanding for those retailers who wait for their next delivery before adjusting the price. At a time of rapid price movements this time lag can indeed result in the situation described by Mr Smart.

It is the hope of the UK oil industry that a duty incentive on unleaded fuel, together with a programme of public education will remove the cause of the problem, which is lack of demand.

Yours faithfully,
D. W. KENDALL,
Chief Executive,
BP Oil,
BP House,
Victoria Street, SW1.

Crock of gold

From Miss Katharine Slade

Sir, As I looked out of my window this afternoon, I noticed that a large and splendid rainbow ended, somewhat appropriately, on the roof of the new Inland Revenue building!

Yours faithfully,
KATHARINE SLADE,
27 Westmoreland Terrace, SW1.
February 2.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 8 1878

An extract from one of the scores of lengthy articles The Times *carried on the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78*

THE FLIGHT TO STAMBOUL.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
TCHATALDJA, Jan. 27.

The town of Tchataldja lies between two ridges of hills, the lofty at its back, the other low, just masking the view of the town, all excepting the tips of the minarets, from the railway which winds its wanton course over the plain below . . . Tonight this little town shelters as sad-looking a throng as, bearing the name of an army, was perhaps ever seen . . .

The weary march of nine days from Kirk-Kilissa ("the 40 churches") was ended, and the 28 battalions had at last been brought into a place of rest and safety; but what a piteous spectacle, — to me all the more piteous because these are the comrades of brighter days . . .

The troops, tramping all the daylight through in rain and deep mud, have bivouacked at night in the open, as wet themselves as the soaked ground they lay on, often without any means of making a fire, and all the time with rations of biscuit only, and that in scanty supply. Wear, wet, and mud have reduced the men's clothing to a condition inconceivably deplorable. Their *charouks*, or sandals of raw hide, are all worn out, and their feet are in a terrible state. They have torn strips from their other garments, both inner and outer, to make swathings, but that has afforded little relief; and as they came limping along, legs ending in a bundle of rags, I could see but very few able to put an unflinching foot to the ground. At least 15,000 of these war-worn, footsore men, exhausted with cold, wet, hunger, and fatigue, have come in here, where there is scarcely even standing room for such a multitude, as the dense packing of the streets shows. The townspeople were in alarm, but without cause; for with all the confusion attendant on an influx so disproportioned to means of accommodation, not the least disorder has ensued. Beyond the pulling down of a few wooden fences and the appropriation of the old beams and rafters of ruined tenements for firewood, there was no disposition shown to make free with the goods of the townsfolk. Coffee-houses, shops, and bakeries were closed, but no one tried to force them; the one desire seemed to be for rest and warmth. The men stood patiently leaning against the wall until the streets were cleared of artillery and transport train, baggage and ammunition ponies, and waggons laden with wick. There were as many as could be accommodated told off in parties to the mosques, the Greek school-house (the largest building in the town), and such other places as could be found, while the great majority sat down resigned to the pitiless rain on either side of the streets, and grew cheerful as their bivouac fires, lighted all down the middle, gave out a cheerful blaze. It was certainly not comfort, but the sense of labours ended and dangers eluded, of rest and safety, which contented the poor fellows. The town Greeks made a great disturbance about the bivouac fires in the streets . . . but the gouty Pasha was inaccessible after sundown, and the military authority refused to interfere. I could speak with Mehemet Ali Pasha for a few minutes only, as he was in a great hurry to get on to Constantinople, whither he was summoned. He looked in face much worn, and told me that his mission to collect and bring back these broken battalions had been most arduous and anxious. I scarcely knew him when he came in all wet and travel-stained; but when the outer rind of drenched attire was peeled off him the cheery little man came out as spick-and-span as ever in his general's uniform, and a cup of hot coffee restored his habitual brightness . . .

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 6: The Duchess of York arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this afternoon from France.

Miss Helen Hughes and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, and Captain Mark Phillips this afternoon attended the Scotland v France match at Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 6: The Princess of Wales arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in a VC10 aircraft of the Royal Air Force from Thailand.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Sir John Riddell, Bt, Commander Richard Aylard, RN, Mr Philip Mackie and Surgeon-Commander Ian Jenkins, RN, were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Lord Tryon at the Memorial Service for the Very Reverend Sydney Evans which was held in Salisbury Cathedral this morning.

Birthdays today

Professor Averill Cameron, ancient historian, 48; Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, CH, first Prime Minister of Malaysia, 85; Lord Cameron, 88; Mr Osian Ellis, harpist, 60; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, royal equerry, 75; Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, 75; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, 73; Lady (Geoffrey) Howe, former deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 56; Rabbi Dr Sir Immanuel Jakobovits (life peer), Chief Rabbi, 67; Mrs Diana Ladas, former headmistress, Heathfield School, 75; Professor Ann Lambton, former professor of Persian, 76; Mr Murray Lawrence, chairman, Lloyd's, 53; Mr Jack Lemmon, actor, 63; Sir Kenneth Maddocks, former governor, Fiji, 81; Sir Philip Magnus-Allcroft, author, 82; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, 80; Lord Rayne, 70; Sir Richard Southern, former president, St John's College, Oxford, 76.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit the British Wool Marketing Board, Oak Mills, Station Road, Clayton, Bradford, at 10.30; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a luncheon given by the local group of the British Olympic Appeal at the Queen's Hotel, Leeds, at noon. As Patron of the Butler Trust, she will visit Wakefield Prison at 2.00. She will attend a dinner given by the Sports Aid Foundation and the Sports Aid Trust at the Mansion House at 7.15.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception at the British Academy at 4.15 for the presentation of an honorary fellowship of the British School at Rome to Mr A.G. Sheppard Fidler.

Reception

India League
Mr Michael Foot, MP, President of the India League, and Mr Julius Silverman, chairman, received the guests at a reception held yesterday evening at the Indian YMCA to bid farewell to the Indian High Commissioner and Shrimati Alexander.

Dinner

Garrick Club
Mr Donald Sinden, trustee, presided at a dinner held last night at the Garrick Club to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sir Henry Irving (February 6). Mr Richard Bebb played the surviving cylinder recordings of his voice and Mr Richard Briers proposed the toast to the immortal memory.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Miss M. B. McM. MacMurray, QC, to be a Circuit Judge on the North Eastern Circuit.

Mr E. J. Prosser, QC, to be a Circuit Judge on the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Air Vice-Marshal N. H. Mills to be Deputy Surgeon General (Research and Training), in succession to Surgeon Rear Admiral C. J. Milton-Thompson, and Director General of RAF Medical Services, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Hurrell, as from December 30, 1987.

Clifford Longley

When the state takes on the mantle of Christianity

Buried deep within the tension between church and state in Britain is an ideological question concerning the very concept of the British nation.

The crisis in the health service, the quarrel between the churches and the Government over the Education Bill, and the recent history of strain between the Church of England and the Conservative Government, all point to a disagreement which is fundamentally about the role of the state in the life of the nation.

Are they the same thing, are they separate, or are they even opposed?

The prevailing ideology, taken for granted by the majority as obviously true, is that they are identical. The state is "everybody".

Thus, in the case of the welfare system, if everybody has a moral duty to care for the less fortunate, then that is automatically what the state has to do on everybody's behalf. If it is deemed desirable that certain industries and services should be owned by everybody, then it is the state that takes them on.

Because everybody has a right to free education, health care, sickness and unemployment insurance, and other blessings of civilization, the state has to provide them. So the state has come to represent in its entirety the humanitarian principle in public life.

It is the common table round which mankind, or at least the British part of it, gathers to sup; it is the embodiment of the ideal of the nation as one big happy family. It is so all-pervasive an ideology it is difficult to get a handle on, which may explain why the Government, which is instinctively suspicious of it, is in practice confused and contradictory in its responses.

Yet it is a relatively recent idea. It is, in fact, a monumental and paradoxical triumph for an ideology of the state which owes a great deal more to the Church of England than any other factor. But because that church's presence within the nation appears to have become weak, marginal, and irrelevant, it is not easy to see it as a triumph at all.

With the creation of the welfare state all the ideals of social responsibility implicit in humane post-Enlightenment "national" Christianity were at last put into action. What had hitherto been seen as a personal moral and religious duty towards one's neighbour became a collective obligation, the discharge of which the state was to organize.

So what made Christianity seem suddenly irrelevant? Was its success in seeing its social ideals adopted by the nation as a whole? Part of what had hitherto been the distinct function of the church and of religion had been taken over by the state, leaving the church to specialize in what was left, the so-called spiritual dimension.

In so doing, however, the integration at the heart of the Judaeo-Christian tradition of the duty to God and the duty to one's neighbour was undone. The "duty to God" was still the church's business, but the "duty to neighbour" became the state's. And Christianity suffered a profound disorientation.

Before the welfare state, the churches had been by far the greatest source of public welfare provision, both through their supply of official facilities, such as church schools, and through their moral teaching which provided the inspiration for private charitable initiatives. The creation of the welfare state brought a vast improvement in the availability and quality of these facilities, but at the same time it secularized them so that the churches no longer had anything like the same direct involvement.

Even the label on the political theory which brought about this enhanced role of the state was secular: it described itself as socialist rather than as Christian. But this was never a true dichotomy: the Labour Government which enacted it may indeed have owed more to Methodism than to Marxism; and the idea of the state which was unconsciously created by it owed most to Anglicanism.

It was the concept of the church and nation as one indivisible moral and spiritual entity. And it continues to exists today, in the proprietorial attitude the Church of England still has towards the welfare state. So the present Government's mistake in its handling of the Church of England is in not recognizing that claim as legitimate and historically sound, but instead in regarding the church as interferring in things which do not concern it.

It is only to be expected that such an attitude would be resented by the church. This political and ideological theory of the state extends far further than the social welfare and educational field. It invests the state itself with religious qualities, seen explicitly in the common headship of the national church and the state itself in the one person of the Sovereign, and implicitly in the mystical quality of British, and most specifically English, national sentiment.

It is Englishness-and-Anglicanism as one concept, and it is a creed which does not require its members to go anywhere near a church as such, for the whole nation is felt to be hallowed ground, and at the same time one vast charitable society for the benefit of its members.

It is also, incidentally, an alienating creed for those who cannot accept its premises or share its history. In particular, it marginalizes Catholics, Jews, Blacks and Asians. The difficulties this presents for the Church of England itself are enormous, mystifying, and probably insoluble.

"It" cannot disengage from the state, because "it" does not exist as a separate entity. What does exist is a separate thing called "religion", which has been largely privatized, and which is that institutional activity which was left when the key moral dimension of Christianity was hived off to the welfare state.

The ideology known as Thatcherism, which aims at the transfer of moral responsibility from the welfare state to individuals, ignores at its peril the whole historic process whereby this responsibility was passed to the state in the first place. And if the responsibility is really to be passed back to where it came from, it would not be passed to individuals at all but to religious institutions and charitable bodies with religious motivation.

Natasha Barat (left), Baboushka Xenia, Alexander Suscenko and Dimitri Sacidakahem lighting candles yesterday.

Worshippers face eviction

Refugees and their families who make up the congregation at the Russian Orthodox Church in Exile fear they will lose their only church in London under plans by a Church of England supported charitable trust to demolish it and build luxury flats.

Slavonic masses are said in a Gothic chapel attached to the church hall belonging to the Anglican parish of St Stephen's in Emperor's Gate, Kensington.

The Rev Christopher Colven, the vicar, said: "I think the Russians have been very naughty about this. The lease ran out years ago." Mrs Sophia Goodman, of the Russian church, claimed that the Anglicans had said they would try to find them another church.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Austen
and Miss K.A. Hammond
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G.R. Austen, of Appledore, Kent, and Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.J. Hammond, of Sopworth, Wiltshire.

Mr S. Christie-Miller
and Miss E.A. Crawford
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs David Christie-Miller, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Elizabeth Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Corran Crawford, of Dalkeith, Perth, Western Austraila.

Mr J.M.A. Cooper
and Miss S.K. Agate
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr J.B. Cooper, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Mrs K. Wren, of Crawley, Hampshire, and Sophie, elder daughter of Major J.P.B. Agate, of Milton Lilbourne, Wiltshire, and Mrs D.L. Pearce, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr C.T.W. Dinesen
and Miss E.R. Mayhew
The engagement is announced between Christian Tore Wilhelm, son of Mr Tore Dinesen, of Farum, Denmark, and Mrs Therese Dinesen, of Hoersholm, Denmark, and Emily Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C.P. Mayhew, of Hyde Park Gate, London.

Mr K.A. Gottlieb
and Miss N.A. Crompton
The engagement is announced between Kim, son of Mrs Sonia Gottlieb and the late Lieutenant-Commander Eli Gottlieb, of Hendon, London, and Nicky, only daughter of Major Nigel Crompton and the late Mrs Joy Crompton, of Kensington, London.

Mr D.M. Hampton
and Miss M.S. Bridgen
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Hampton, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Melinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.E. Bridgen, of Coldharbour, Surrey.

Mr T.H. Harker
and Miss K.A. Inman
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs T.E.D. Harker, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr D.C. Inman and the late Mrs S.T. Inman, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr G.A. Hawes
and Miss H.E. Triggs
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs M.B. Hawes, of Brentwood, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.S. Triggs, of Hutton.

Mr T. Johnson
and Miss J.F. Turner
The engagement is announced between Tim, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.M. Johnson, of Bardsea, Cumbria, and Jane Frances, only daughter of the late Mr H.A. (Bertie) Turner and Mrs H.M. Turner, of Halesworth, Suffolk.

Mr J. Love
and Miss S. Pankhurst
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Colonel and Mrs Stephen Love, of Brixham, Devon, and Sheila (Ezze), daughter of Mr Kenneth Pankhurst, of Bookham, Surrey, and Mrs Jean Pankhurst, of Byfleet, Surrey.

Mr J.T. Prowse
and Miss M.C. Cutliffe
The engagement is announced between Jolyon, only son of Mr and Mrs Terence Prowse, of Mon Abri, Les Rocquettes, St Peter Port, Guernsey, and Maryclare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Culliffe, of Giles Green, Brinkworth, Wiltshire.

Mr C.P. Ralph
and Miss B.C. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Philip Ralph, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thomas, of Neston, Cheshire.

Mr E.A. Smith
and Mrs V.J. Willcox
The engagement is announced between Tony Smith, of Hamilton Road, Reading, and Virginia Willcox (née Hofton), of Dove Cottage, Westcott, Dorking.

Mr R.N. Sugarman
and Miss L.C.A. Warner
The engagement is announced between Richard Neil, son of Mr and Mrs I. Sugarman, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Louise Claire Amelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stan Warner, of Southampton, Hampshire.

Mr J.G. Walton
and Miss C.M. Holmes
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs George Walton, of Throckley, Northumberland, and Carolyn, daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Nigel Holmes and stepdaughter of Mrs Margaret Holmes, of Mannings Heath, Sussex.

Mr A.A.S. Whamond
and Miss S.L. Bolton
The engagement is announced between Alexander Anderson Stuart, only son of Mrs Noel Whamond, of Waulkmill House, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire, and the late Captain W.H.S. Whamond, and Sara Lizabeth, youngest daughter of Group Captain D. Bolton, RAF (retd), and Mrs D. Bolton, of 25, St Dionis Road, London, SW6.

Marriage

Mr S.P. Berrill
and Miss A.B. Waple
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, of Mr Simon Berrill, only son of Sir Kenneth Berrill, of Grantchester, and of Lady (June) Berrill, of Cambridge, to Miss Anneke Waple, only daughter of the late Mr Alan J. Waple and of Mrs Ankie W. Waple, of London, N20. Canon Michael Beck officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Gary Waple, was attended by Miss Debra Nightingale. Mr Gordon Bebb was best man.

A reception was held at Le Meridien, Piccadilly.

OBITUARY

MARGHANITA LASKI

Formidable critic of contemporary culture

Marghanita Laski, who died on February 6, at the age of 72, made a notable contribution to English cultural life in many different spheres over a period of more than 40 years.

She was born on October 24, 1915, the daughter of Neville J. Laski, QC, and was educated at Ladyburn House School, Manchester, and Somerville College, Oxford.

At 22 she married John Howard, the founder of the Cresset Press, and they had a son and a daughter.

Between 1944 and the early 1950s she published six novels, including *Little Boy Lost*, which was later made into a film, starring Bing Crosby.

It was really, however, as a critic and broadcaster that she became best known to the public. There were studies of Jane Austen, George Eliot and Kipling. She was a contributor to *The Brains Trust* and *Any Questions* and, most notably, to *The Critics* and its successor, *Critics Forum*.

She held strong views and defended them tenaciously. The voice and delivery were idiosyncratic — measured, orderly and with impressive reserves of menace. The sentences were calmly constructed and consisted of the right words in the right order.

Marghanita Laski was very formidable in debate. She also shone in more structured forms of broadcasting, most recently in an outstanding series on Kipling which Helen Fry produced on Radio 4 five years ago.

In the middle 1970s she served on the Annan Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, and quickly established herself as one of its most influential members.

She gave a great deal of her time and energies to the Arts Council. Her views about the value of state subsidy to the arts sometimes startled those of her colleagues who regarded her as a fully paid-up member of the liberal consensus. When she announced that modern novels were "usually unreadable", one could be sure that it was the view of someone who had gritted her teeth through a good many of them.

Her love of the English language found its fullest expression in the quite extraordinary contribution she made over many years to Dr Robert Burchfield's four volume supplement to the *Oxford English Dictionary*. For the first volume alone, Miss Laski and three others contributed between them something like a quarter of a million quotations.

She also acted as a proof reader, and the Preface to the final volume published two years ago begins with the sentence: "When Miss Marghanita Laski read the galley proofs of the extraordinarily complex entry for 'Off' in Volume Three of this supplement, she remarked 'I am almost completely flummoxed by this, and must ask your indulgence on it' ".

She was very seldom called on to make this kind of apology where matters of understanding were concerned.

Miss Laski loved France and most things French. Jewish by birth, and intensely rational, she nevertheless felt strong affinities with many manifestations of religious faith, from the cadences of the Old Testament in the King James translation to the musical splendours of Choral Evensong on Radio 3.

It would have been a bold man who made the comparison to her face in her lifetime, but the person in fiction she most resembled — except that she never seemed to age — was the redoutable Princess Lorikoff in Saki's short story, "Reginald in Russia".

The imperiousness of Miss Laski's character is well illustrated by Saki's account of Princess Lorikoff's own deportment, on a notable occasion anyone else might have been awed by: " When she died and left Millionaya Street for Heaven she addressed St Peter in her formal staccato French: "Je suis la Princesse Lor-i-koff. Il me donne grand plaisir à faire votre connaissance. Je vous en prie me présenter au Bon Dieu." St Peter made the desired introduction, and the Princess addressed Le Bon Dieu: "Je suis la Princesse Lor-i-koff. Il me donne grand plaisir à faire votre connaissance. On a souvent parlé de vous à l'église de la rue Million"".

Likewise, it was not in Miss Laski's nature to be cowed, even by the most momentous occurrences.

Marghanita Laski is survived by her husband and her son and daughter.

DOÑA CARMEN POLO de FRANCO

Carmen Polo de Franco, the Señora de Meirás, widow of the Spanish dictator, General Franco died, on February 6, in Madrid, at the age of 87.

Doña Carmen, as critics and admirers alike called the tall and good-looking woman, who for almost 40 years was constantly at the side of the all-powerful Caudillo, was a force in her own right, yet remained the typical self-effacing Roman Catholic wife required of that backward-looking regime.

Historians have yet to establish with certainty what was the extent, if any, of her role in her husband's political life. It seems she only intervened directly once, in 1973, after the assassination of Carrero Blanco, when her husband's powers were already seriously diminished. On that occasion she persuaded him to nominate the unimaginative but utterly faithful Señor Carlos Arias as the last Prime Minister of the authoritarian regime.

But throughout the long Franco years Doña Carmen exercised a considerable sway in society, particularly influencing millions of Spanish women by the way she dressed, by her unswerving religious practice, and by her outward subordination to her husband.

Hints of her discreet influence on Franco came from her one-time confessor and from the "Conversations" of Franco's cousin and fellow general published after the dictator's death.

Carmen Polo Martinez Valdes was born in 1900 into an Oviedo upper middle-class family, wealthy by provincial standards.

Her father, however, was of liberal political views and against military men. Thus when Carmen first met Major Franco in 1917 her family dismissed him as a soldier without fortune and were utterly opposed to their marriage.

Franco's brilliant and rapid rise, fighting in Spain's colonial wars in North Africa, overcame their resistance. He married her in 1923 when he had already become head of the Spanish Legion. A few days of honeymoon were followed by his 15 month-long absence, fighting on the front.

When the Civil War broke out Franco sent his wife briefly to shelter in France, but by September she was already at his side at Nationalist Headquarters.

Carmen Franco took quickly to her life as first lady of the regime — though, typically, there was no thought of any such title in those pre-public relations days — and she developed expensive tastes living in the Pardo, especially in jewellery and *haute couture*.

In 1972 when her eldest grand-daughter was married to Alfonso of Borbon, cousin of the present Spanish King, Doña Carmen appeared to have engineered a dynastic marriage. This threat to her husband's plans for the eventual succession did not, however, succeed.

The relations with the future Spanish King and Queen remained delicate, as the Franco government never seemed to find sufficient funds for the household of Don Juan and Doña Sofia.

But after the accession, on Franco's death in 1975, things went unexpectedly smoothly. The new King gave her the title of Señora (Lady) of Meirás, after the country home in her husband's native Galicia.

Over the last twelve years of her life Doña Carmen enjoyed a respect that she had hardly known in the days of her husband's power. She completely withdrew from the public stage, thus easing the difficult task of transition to democracy, undertaken by the Spanish monarch. She also withstood admirably a succession of blows to her family. These included divorce and separation of relatives and the deaths of grandchildren.

MR PETER WYKE SMITH

Mr Peter Wyke Smith, who died on February 15, at the age of 67, was Director of Engineering and Technical Services at the National Bus Company from 1975 to 1984.

As such he oversaw engineering innovations within NBC at a time when the company was introducing modernized bus and coach services, notably its National Express Rapide network.

Wyke Smith began in the bus industry as a trainee with Midland Red after the war, and by 1972 had progressed to become general manager of Crosville Motor Services, one of the largest components of the newly-established National Bus Company.

In 1975 he moved to NBC's group headquarters where he was responsible for changing the direction of engineering in the company to prepare for a new style of bus and coach operation.

He reshaped the organization and staffed it with carefully chosen specialists, often from outside the group. Wyke Smith's team had a considerable impact on coach design in this country and in Europe, creating, among other things, vehicle designs for the Rapide network of fast, luxury long-distance services.

The development of minibus services was also largely Wyke Smith's achievement, providing cost-effective public transport alike in crowded town centres and remote country areas.

Wyke Smith established, too, a technique for calculating the whole life costs of vehicle ownership.

He was a determined figure, whose leisure pursuits included sailing and jazz.

He leaves his widow, Margaret, and a daughter.

SIR DYMOCK WATSON

Vice-Admiral Sir Dymock Watson, KCB, CBE, died on February 3, at the age of 83. During the Second World War he served as Fleet Torpedo Officer in the Mediterranean, and later as Staff Officer (Plans) in that theatre.

In the 1950s he commanded the aircraft carrier, *Illustrious*, and was, successively, Flag Officer Flotillas, Mediterranean, Fourth Sea Lord, and Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic and South America. He retired in 1960.

Mr P. V. Doyle, who died in Dublin on February 6, aged 65, was chairman of Bord Failte (the Irish Tourist Board), and Ireland's leading hotelier.

Wilfred Getz, QC, who died on January 18, had a successful commercial practice in the Temple, before leaving the Bar to become a director of N. M. Rothschild & Sons.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Butler, poet, author of *Hudibras*, baptized, Strensham, Worcestershire, 1612; Robert Burton, scholar, Lindlay, Leicestershire, 1577; Daniel Bernoulli, mathematician, Groningen, Netherlands, 1700; John Ruskin, London, 1819; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and explorer, Leicester, 1825; Jules Verne, novelist, Nantes, 1828; Dmitri Mendeleyev, chemist, Tobolsk, Russia, 1834; Martin Buber, philosopher, Vienna, 1878; Dame Edith Evans, London, 1888; King Vidor, film director, Galveston, Texas, 1894; James Dean, film actor, Marian, Indiana, 1931.

DEATHS: Mary, Queen of Scots, executed, Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1587; Peter the Great, Tsar and Emperor of Russia 1682-1725, St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1725; R. M. Ballantyne, novelist, Rome, 1894; Peter Kropotkin, geographer and anarchist, Dmitrov, Russia, 1921; William Bateson, biologist and geneticist, Merton, Surrey, 1926.

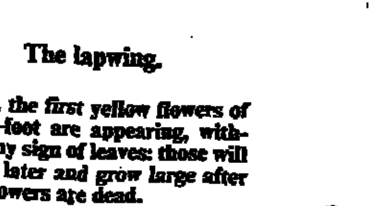
Nature notes

Skylarks feast by moonlight

Greenfinches are calling with a long, slurping sound in the treetops; they will soon be in full song. Skylarks are singing over the meadows where lapwings are feeding among the growing grass.

Some lapwings are already heading back for Holland and Germany, but many remain; they often feed by moonlight, since in the day time they maybe robbed by gulls.

Collared doves are singing with a ringing triple note on telegraph poles and church spires. Pheasants are crowing loudly: they stretch themselves up with their long tail resting on the ground, and flap their wings as they cry out.



The lapwing.

There is a glint of silver on the dark, sallow twigs where the catkins are opening. On roadsides, the first yellow flowers of colt's-foot are appearing, without any sign of leaves: those will come later and grow large after the flowers are dead.

Winter heliotrope is a common garden escape by streams and in waste places: its lilac flowers smell of vanilla, and early bees are buzzing around them. In damp and sheltered spots on the northern mountainside, an Alpine flower is opening: the purple saxifrage, with its trailing, dark green leaves and five-pointed stars.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you: even as the green herb have I given you all things.
Genesis 9 : 3

BIRTHS

BARKER - On February 4th to Angela (née Hulme) and Nigel, a daughter, Sarah Emma.

CHARLESWORTH - On January 20th at Greenwich to Lucinda (née Houghton) and Stephen (Larry), a son Sebastian John, a brother for Harriet and Josephine.

FISHER - On February 3rd to Lindsay (Née Overington) and Alan, a daughter, Rosemarie Patricia Anne.

GILMORE - To Elizabeth (née McGregor-Wood) and Christopher on February 4th, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, a sister for James.

KENNEDY - On February 6th in Hong Kong to Lizann (née Miller) and Michael, a daughter Sarah Kate, a sister for Mark.

MARSON - On January 6th 1988 in Australia to Lisa and Christopher, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

McCAUL - On January 31st to Priscilla (née Collis) and John, a daughter, Emily Claire Elizabeth, a sister for Alexander.

NELN - On February 1st, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Joanna (née Smith-Carington) and Hamish, a son, Jonathan Edward, a brother for David.

SCHRYVER - On February 5th 1988, to Linda and Hugh, a daughter.

SUTTON-MATTOCKS - On 3rd february to Helen (Née Chardin) and Christopher a son, Patrick David.

TAPPLY - On February 4th in Dublin, to Kay (née Townsend) and Mark, a son, Ian.

WALLIS - On February 5th to Joanna (Née Stephenson) and Michael a daughter Olivia a sister for Emily.

DEATHS

ARNOLD On February 5th peacefully in her sleep Margy, much loved mother of Charles and Lydia.

ARUP - On February 5th 1988, at his home Fitzroy Park, Highgate, London, peacefully after a short illness, Ove Nyquist, aged 92, beloved husband of Ruth, father of Anja, Jens and Karin, devoted grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral at the Danish Church on 17th February, 1988, for family only. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired either to the Danish Church or Royal Academy Benefactors' Fund.

AUTY - On February 5th suddenly, Jack of Silkstone, South Yorkshire, aged 58. Much loved husband of Jean, dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at 1 pm Wednesday February 10th at All Saints Church, Silkstone. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations please to any charity.

BUCKLAND - On February 3rd 1988, peacefully in the Gloucester Clinic, Violet Mary. Cremation at Gloucester Crematorium at 12 noon on Wednesday 10th February. No flowers. Donations in lieu to National Art Collection Fund c/o John Hall Funeral Director, Yew Tree Cottage, Bulley, Churcham, Nr Gloucester.

CAVEY - On February 5th, 1988, peacefully in Sydney, New South Wales, dearly beloved mother and Nanna, Marjorie Mary. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

FARR - On February 6th, suddenly in hospital, Dr Conrad James, F.R.C.O.G.

FEENY - On February 5th, peacefully in hospital in Guyana, Rev. Herbert Joseph, S.J., aged 80. Funeral service and burial in Guyana.

FRYER - On February 5th peacefully after a short illness in his 97th year, Martin Fryer of Newcastle upon Tyne, dearly loved husband of Marjorie (née Osmond) and of the late Ella Grace and dear father of Peter Martin. Funeral private. Thanksgiving service at St George's Church, Jesmond on February 16th 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations to St Oswald's Hospice, Regent Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1EE.

FULLER - On February 4th 1988, after a long illness borne with dignity, Peter John A.I.B., beloved husband of Toni, father of Sarah and Claire. Cremation at Loughborough on Friday February 12th at 11am. Donations if desired to Motor Neurone Disease Association.

HENDERSON - On February 4th 1988 after a short illness, Mary Hamilton, aged 54 years of Worthing, sadly missed by all her family. Requiem Mass at Saint Mary's R.C. Church, Worthing on Friday February 12th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to H D Tribe Ltd, Tel Worthing 34516.

HAYWARD - On January 31st, David suddenly in St Andrews aged 25. Darling son of Hazel, deeply mourned by Diddi, his family and friends. A thanksgiving for his life will be held in Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey on Tuesday February 9th at 6 pm and in St Andrews College Chapel on Wednesday February 17th at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations may be sent the David Haywood Fencing Memorial, Coutts Bank, 162 Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, SW3.

KING - On 4th February 1988 peacefully Roy King formally of Sandhurst Rd, Crowthorne. Funeral Service at St. John the Baptist Church, Crowthorne on Tuesday February 9th 2.15pm. No flowers by request but donations for Talking Books for the Blind, c/o Cyril H Lovegrove, 4 Town Square, Bracknell, Berkshire.

LIPSCOMB - On February 4th 1988, after a long illness bravely borne, at Marley House, Winfrith Newburgh, Dorchester, Dorset, Brigadier Humphrey de B. Lipscomb, aged 89, late the Royal Tank Regiment, beloved husband of Lillian, and much loved father of Susan (Breitmeyer). Cremation private. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Christophers Church, Winfrith Newburgh, at 12.00 noon on Thursday February 18th. Donations if desired to RTR Benevolent Fund, c/o Regimental Secretary Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.

McMICHAEL - On February 4th, suddenly in hospital, aged 71 years, William Fisher, greatly beloved husband of Barbara, most dearly loved father of Malcolm and Patricia, daughter-in-law Brenda and adored granddad to Paul and Karen. Funeral February 12th at St Swithin's Church, East Grinstead at 2.30pm.

NELSON - On February 4th, 1988, tragically in a road accident Yvonne, aged 72 greatly loved wife of Air Commodore Eric Nelson, much loved mother of Ridley and Erica and devoted grandmother of Jaime, Antonia and Sinclair, Mark, James, Simon and Edward. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

RANKIN - On February 4th, peacefully at home in Dulwich after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Captain Felix James Rankin, D.S.C. V.R.D., R.N.R. (Retired). Will be greatly missed by his beloved wife Kikki, children Oona, Karina and Torquil, brother Joe and all his many friends. Funeral service at The Church of the Faithful Virgin, 143 Central Hill, Upper Norwood, SE19 on Thursday February 11th at 10am. Followed by private cremation. Flowers and all further enquiries to: A. Yeatman and Sons, Funeral Directors, 384 Norwood Road, SE27 9AA.

ROBERTS - On February 5th at Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home, after a long illness, Maureen (née Furness) widow of Douglas Roberts and much loved mother of David and grandmother of Georgina. Funeral service at Amesbury Parish Church - 10.30 am on Friday, February 12th. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

TURNER - On 29th January, suddenly at Hillingdon Hospital, Middlesex, Eric Turner age 61 years, father of Mark and Denise. Ludic and Exinious, missed by many. Requiem mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Uxbridge, 2.15pm today.

VLASTO - On February 5th, peacefully after a short illness at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Jack Anthony, aged 84. Beloved husband of Betty. Adored by all his family and sadly missed. Cremation private, please no letters.

WALTERS - On February 3rd, Nigel Vincent, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Memorial Service later.

YANNAGHAS - On February 1st 1988, Manuel John, aged 95 years. Beloved husband of Angeliki, father of Fifi, John and George. Funeral service at the Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, London W2 on Monday February 8th at 2.30pm. Private cremation to follow. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Wishing Well Appeal, 49 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3HZ or The Greek Orthodox Charity Organisation.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PARIKIAN - A Memorial Service for Manoug Parikian will be held at St. Peter's Church, Cranley Gardens SW7 on Saturday February 13th at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

PITT - George Stanhope. Died 8th February 1983. Chef de famille - remembered with love by his wife, 8 children and now 11 grandchildren.

High Court ruling today on £100m opera plan

By Andrew Billen

The High Court ruling expected today on whether to allow the Royal Opera House to press ahead with a £100 million redevelopment in Covent Garden could mark the end of a 10-year battle over the project.

If, as is widely expected, Mr Justice Webster refuses to quash the planning permission granted in principle by Westminster City Council last year, the Opera House's financial future should be secured.

Rent from a new office block built on land bought for the Opera House by the Labour Government 10 years ago will finance improvements and extensions.

More storage space for sets will be built and the theatre will get a second entrance and a 300-space underground car park. The Royal Opera says the improvements will draw tourists and improve trade for surrounding shops and restaurants.

The Covent Garden Community Association, which after a decade of opposition brought last week's case to court, claims that Westminster council has been persuaded to ride rough-shod over planning laws simply because the Government was not willing properly to fund the opera house.

The scheme is a major departure from the Covent Garden Area Action Plan which restrains office development.

Fears over arts grants

By Andrew Billen

Britain's national theatre companies are bracing themselves for disappointing news tomorrow when the Arts Council announces their grants for the next three years.

The art world's initial jubilation at last autumn's announcement that, in order to allow for better planning, subsidies would in future cover three year periods has been overtaken by fears that the companies will get less money in real terms.

The National Theatre has been told privately that it can expect an increase of 2 per cent or less next year, excluding grants for touring and from the Government's incentive funding scheme.

- The Arts Council is planning a shake-up of theatre funding to introduce greater incentives for success and penalties for failure.

Theatre companies which receive an annual grant may be moved down to the third division of funding and receive money for individual products only.

A number of up and coming fringe companies will in turn be moved up to annual grant status if they can show exceptional artistic achievement. The council says that artistic standards and audience levels would be scrutinized.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: A P Woodhead - To be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Flag Officer Flotilla; R H Farnfield - MOD London; M C Gordon-Lennox - CSO(R) to CINCNAVHOME April 22; A Morton - Sheffield in Cmd. 30 May; J W Porter - Defence, Naval Military and Air Attache, Montevideo, in May.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: R Harland - CMO and SOM(R) to CINCNAVHOME, SMO to FO Portsmouth and SMO(R) to MGRM TRSF. 11 April.

COMMANDERS: G B D Lane - Torbay in Cmd. 24 June; T A W Lewis - MOD London. 24 May; J D Plummer - CSO (Ops) to CBFFI. 18 April; H A E Powlett - NFR 90 Project Staff Offr Hamburg. 22 Feb; N J F Raby - MOD Portsdown. 1 March; A S L Smith - MOD London. 5 April.

Retirements

COMMANDER: P Jewell - 25 March; T McCoy - 19 March.

The Army

BRIGADIER: M C Owen - To be Comd HQ RAOC Trg Centre. 11 Feb.

COLONELS: A A S Adams - to HQ 1 (BR) Corps. 12 Feb; C R Pickard - To HQ BAOR. 12 Feb; H D Hudson - to HQ SW Dist. 12 Feb; I P Inshaw - to COD DONNINGTON. 8 Feb; G A Neilson - To HQ BERLIN (Br. Sector). 19 Feb.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: C C Bradbury RE - To HQ 12 Engr Bde. 10 Feb; D J Holby RE - To MOD. 8 Feb; C J Parslow DERR - To HQ The POW Div. 8 Feb; N J P Brunt RRF - To be CO 8 QF. 8 Feb; A D Meek DWR - To Staff College. 8 Feb.

Retirements

BRIGADIERS: J H Edwards, late RE. 11 Feb; P F B Hargrave, late WFR. 15 Feb; D A Williams, late RTR. 14 Feb.

COLONELS: W T Dennison, late RE. 13 Feb; E J Everett-Heath AAC. 9 Feb; P A Sexstone, late RA. 15 Feb.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORES: M C Darby - To HQ RAFSC. 5 Feb; R P O'Brien - To HQ BF Cyprus. 5 Feb; P G Beer - to MOD. 12 Feb.

GROUP CAPTAINS: J R Pink - To MOD Harrogate. 8 Feb; G J D Maynard - To MOD(AFD). 8 Feb.

WING COMMANDERS: J Scott - To HQ RAFSC. 9 Feb; M B Bullocke - To RSRE Malvern. 8 Feb; J G McCamey - To MOD AFD. 12 Feb; W A B Roberts - To RAF Wildenrath. 12 Feb; D Roberts - To HQ Strike Comd. 13 Feb.

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Dated this 15th day of January 1988
Brian Mills
Liquidator

EPSOM COLLEGE

The Annual General Meeting of Governors of Epsom College will be held in the offices of the Medical Defence Union, 3 Devonshire Place, London W1 on Wednesday, 24 February 1988 at 4.30pm.
The Agenda will include, in addition to the ordinary business, the filling of vacancies on the College Council.
By Order of the College Council
N.R.M. Petrie
Secretary

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
HOUSE OF CARRINGTON LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 11 day of March 1988, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, FCA, 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, LONDON W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 29th day of January 1988
PHILIP MONJACK
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF
HOUSE OF CARRINGTON LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, PHILIP MONJACK, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 29th January 1988.
Dated this 29th day of January 1988
P. MONJACK, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
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30 Eastbourne Terrace
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Dated this 27th day of January 1988
STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA
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Notice of appointment of liquidator
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Company Number: 1486676. Name of company: T.W. PLC. Nature of business: Building Contractors. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1EW. Liquidator's name and address: John Parry Richards, 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Office holder number: 2480. Date of appointment: 27 January 1988. By whom appointed: Members & Creditors.
Date: 28 January 1988
J P Richards
Liquidator

PANOCEAN - ANCO LIMITED
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
Company number : 1256601
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF
PANOCEAN - ANCO LIMITED

On 29 January 1988 the above-named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Colin Graham Bird of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the members.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the above company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 26 February 1988. The liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 8 March 1988 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 26 February 1988, and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
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Dated this 1st day of February 1988
CG Bird FCA, Liquidator

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In the matter of Merryford Limited
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In the matter of Dicksons Heating Limited
High Court No. 129 of 1987

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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TELEVISION

Border Czechs

Crossing borders, however benign, is a disturbing business. You know exactly where you are but you risk losing your own bearings – the certainties of culture, language and relationships that form your personal geography. That is why you become so vulnerable to dubious guides and the comfort of strangers.

Border (BBC2), the latest Screen Two film, was a tale, reputedly true, which added a wicked irony to the anxiety of border-crossing. Not only were its frontiers very hostile, they turned out not to be borders at all. Set in 1952 in Stalinist Czechoslovakia, the story by Jari Stanislav, which was adapted for the screen by Tim Rose Price, centred on three young friends who, with another group of people dissatisfied with the regime, break through what they think is the frontier fence to West Germany. Their "escape", however, had been arranged by the Czech authorities, who used agents posing as Americans to trick the unfortunate "exiles" into giving information about "enemies of the people".

Though in the main well scripted, acted and directed, *Border* suffered from its surprising failure to work out a consistent approach to the essential ingredient in such a story of national trickery – accent. The characters were not allowed to speak Czech, but all of them should have been made to speak English either in a Czech or an English accent. However, the cast, which included expatriate Czechs and the Hungarian refugee Catherine Schell, offered everything from sombre Anglo-Saxon vowels to sexy, East European metropolitan aspirates. This linguistic confusion undermined the contrast between the Czechs and the "Americans" and perhaps led the writer and director to give their game away early.

The comfort of Alan Whicker as a guide in *Whicker's World* (BBC1) is that he does make everything *his* world. Nothing he confronts us with can really disorientate us as he is always on hand, a Whickerism at the ready, resolute in his bespectacled urbanity; even when, as last night, he crossed a border even he found disturbingly unfamiliar, as he sat among 6,000 gays at Sydney's Sleaze Ball.

Andrew Hislop

Waltzing with Peter the Great

DANCE IN PARIS

Gianni Versace's designs are but one striking feature of the first production by Maurice Béjart's Ballet Lausanne, as **John Percival** reports from Paris

A new ballet production with dazzling costumes by a leading fashion designer – haven't we read something about that on all the fashion pages lately? However, I am not thinking of Christian Lacroix's drawings, for American Ballet Theatre's revival of *Gaîté Parisienne*, lavishly hyped before the première, but of Gianni Versace's for a new show by Maurice Béjart, already proving themselves on stage in Paris at the Palais des Congrès.

This is the first creation of the Béjart Ballet Lausanne, which is the new designation adopted for his former Ballet of the 20th Century, on its move from Brussels. In Paris the company is into a season running until February 21 with two programmes. There is an evening featuring the well tried *Sacre du Printemps* and *Bolèro*, and another that is entirely new, including Béjart's gloss on his own *Bolèro*.

This begins with the final bars of the Ravel score; the curtains open on Jorge Donn, collapsed on the big table where we are to suppose that he has just performed his temperature-raising gyrations. But this time one of the supporting crowd of men (Kevin Haigen) is so inflamed that he stays behind for a murderously erotic duet to some more Ravel, *La Valse*, which can never have sounded so agitated.

To balance that there is an equally impassioned modern dress version of Debussy's *Prelude à l'après-midi d'un faune* in which the nymph's removal of a veil is paralleled by the girl's taking off one of her ballet shoes.

The main item on this bill is *Souvenir de Leningrad*, based not only on Béjart's visit there last summer for a collaboration between his company and the Kirov, but on his ideas of it as a city important in the history of ballet and politics. So Peter the Great and Lenin both feature in the cast list – and who but Béjart would end the ballet with them waltzing together under one of those ballroom globes which scatter fragments of light?

If it comes to that, who else would have put his own alter ego into the ballet, in the shape of the autobiographical character Bim from his version of *Gaîté Parisienne*, and, on the strength of their both hailing from Marseilles, have let no less a man than Petipa give him dancing classes? Petipa has also cordially although posthumously loaned Béjart some passages from *The Nutcracker* and *The Sleeping Beauty* (ably danced by Katarzyna Gdaniec) which fit agreeably into his mosaic patterns.

Tchaikovsky provides even more of the score, and also finds a large place in the action, being embodied by two dancers representing respectively the man and his music, accompanied besides by the Countess von Meck, another woman named La Pathètique, and a young man who is his ideal love.

Some episodes, for instance the actor Eiji Mihara balancing at alarming angles in ski boots, perhaps mean more to the choreographer than they will to the ordinary spectator, and the general pattern is allusive rather than coherent, but Béjart could doubtless retort that memory works that way. At about 100 minutes, without an interval, he risks outstaying his welcome but goes on producing new surprises and delights whenever ennui sets in.

Versace's contribution is a great help too. A lot of the costumes are black and white, but he makes crucial use of colour. Sometimes there is just a bright flash of contrast, such as Lenin's red gloves and mask against a sober suit. At other times the stage suddenly floods with colour for an entrance of big Russian dolls or a mass entry by the *corps de ballet* in colours and kaleidoscopic patterns that combine pop art and Soviet constructivism.

As often with Béjart, the chief pleasure comes from the quality of performance. With one curiously miscast exception, the various roles are nicely judged, and the massed effects are beautifully controlled. And, once again, Béjart has a new discovery to show off among his established dancers. This time it is a tousled-haired lad named Xavier Feria, who plays Bim with bright virtuosity, irrepressible ebullience, and a personality out of all proportion to his modest height.

WILLIAM DUPONT

Lenin looks on: Xavier Feria and Lynn Charles, in Maurice Béjart's *Souvenir de Leningrad*

Andrew Billen meets Mark Shivas, returning to the BBC as the new head of Drama

An independent approach

TIM BISHOP

Mark Shivas: Looking for a soap but not in a hurry to reveal his plans

Mark Shivas, the new head of BBC Drama, visited his office at Television Centre for the first time last week, but he will not be working there full time until August. He prudently prefers to discover what the department has already made before announcing its output for the next three years. He is, nonetheless, happy to let it be known that he is already looking for a new soap opera for BBC 1.

Aged 49, Shivas has a pretty fair record in the suds business himself. Though his career has taken him nowhere near the Crossroads Motel, critics were quick to dub his Channel 4 serial, *What If It's Raining?*, a yuppy soap. Ten years ago there was *Telford's Change*, with Hannah Gordon, Keith Barron and Peter Barkworth.

"People even claimed *Glittering Prizes* was a soap opera – although somebody was kind enough to remark that at least you would have to call it Imperial Leather," Shivas says.

Shivas left Oxford University in the early 1960s with a third in law and a resolve never to practise. Instead he started a still extant cinema magazine, *Movie*. In 1966 he landed a job at Granada reading scripts and contracts. After a spell as a trainee director on the local news magazine he graduated to *All Our Yesterdays*, *What the Papers Say* and *Cinema*, where he succeeded Mike Scott as presenter.

"After six months Granada decided they wanted to get Michael Parkinson back in the fold and I was fired. It was probably the best thing that ever happened to me, because I got a call from Gerald Savory, Head of Plays at the BBC. I thought he was going to offer me a job as a script editor. Instead he asked me to produce for BBC 2. I had never produced a play in my life."

His first project was *The Six Wives of Henry VIII*. The 90-minute-plays were shot in three days each and he says he cannot watch them today without noticing the shadows of sound booms over the actors' foreheads. The shadows did not matter; the series won all the drama prizes of the year and was seen in 60 countries, even being networked on commercial television in America.

Having produced plays about a thalidomide victim and the Craig and Bentley murder case, he is an advocate of docu-drama, the hybrid that came under scrutiny with *The Monocled Mutineer*. "If you close up drama based on actuality, you close up a very rich field."

In another sense, though, he is the Government's ideal candidate for a top job in the corporation at a time when it is being told to introduce greater commercial discipline. A movie addict who produced Alan Bennett's *A Private Function*, he wants the BBC to follow Channel 4 in making films for theatrical release, which he believes would tempt famous filmmakers back to the BBC.

In the decade since leaving the BBC, he has worked as an independent. *Telford's Change*, made by his own company, was one of the first independently produced drama series ever shown by the BBC. With the BBC under instruction to contract out 25 per cent of its output, he believes the virtues of independents can include speed and flexibility.

Fixing on fear

RADIO

Ghost stories produce in me all the symptoms of addiction. I drink them in, achieve the necessary high and then, in almost every case, lapse rapidly into a post-narcotic low from which only another shot of the same can rescue me. Thus, halfway through **Fear On 4** (Sundays, repeating Wednesdays), I am already reaching out for next week's episode seven.

Not every one of these stories so far has followed this familiar pattern. **William and Mary** (January 10) was a fairly typical Roald Dahl mixture of inventiveness laced with the vitriol of ordinary human nastiness: wife keeps deceased husband's eyes and brain alive so that she can torment him without reprisal. Nick Warburton's **Music Lovers** (February 24), splendidly acted by Prunella Scales and Nigel Anthony, explored what happens when a music fanatic, bent on experiencing the ultimate performance, decides to pursue to a murderous conclusion the old concert programme admonition about the unstifled coughing of one marring the enjoyment of the many. This was an excellent black joke.

The rest – among them a version of W W Jacob's classic **The Monkey's Paw** – have all been in the nature of a fix. They have drawn on the stereotype of hidden forces, irredeemably malevolent, whose one aim is to provoke terror in, and if possible encompass the destruction of, any human unlucky enough to cross their path. The onslaught is motiveless and therefore, after the *frisson* has worn off, not particularly interesting. Hence the empty aftermath.

Why assume a motiveless malevolence in the first place? Could it be that something very like it is all to easily observable simply by the exercise of a little introspection? Externalizing it onto the supernatural may be one way of holding it up for inspection or, much more likely, of setting it at an innocuous distance.

Alternatively, why invoke the supernatural when other people all around give uninhibited displays of ill-will all the time? Conceivably because even the most self-confident do sometimes suspect that the barbarians around us in fact offer a reflection of the personal barbarian we have so far managed to keep under wraps.

Again, the supernatural puts things at a distance and perhaps the absence of it explains why parts of last week's **File On 4** (Tuesdays, repeating Wednesdays) were such an uncomfortable experience. With the excellent sense of timing this programme normally displays, Max Easterman had been out and about, talking to people about current attitudes to homosexuality, in the light of Clause 28. It was not necessary to believe that homosexuality should be promoted in order to find the attitudes of those who assert the opposite often profoundly unpleasant. Worst were some of the youngest: a group of adolescent boys, unashamed gay-bashers, from whom, had he met them, Genghis Khan would either have drawn promising recruits or, more probably, turned and fled. But you can't be too surprised at them for, as Radio Clyde's *Elephant Dances*, which I reviewed last week, made all too plain, they were only adding a bit of boyish unbridled brutality to some very widespread attitudes. It seems to me equally disquieting to notice that the more civilized defenders of family and what they call Christian morality do not seem to realise that what they are promoting gives reign to a demon every bit as destructive as anything they hope to suppress.

Mercifully there is not a hint of all this beastliness in **Timpson's England** (Radio 4, Sundays, repeating Fridays). Over his many years as chairman of *Any Questions?*, John Timpson made a point of enlivening his introductions by mentioning some of the odder features of the districts he visited. These talks are a distillation of his discoveries. Did you know that outside Grasmere in the Lake District there is an old-style AA Box which is a Grade II Listed Building? Thank God, old dotty, kindly England bumbles on in parallel with the land of re-awakened barbarism.

David Wade

CONCERT

Philharmonia / Marriner

Royal Festival Hall

When critics compliment Sir Neville Marriner on his "safe pair of hands", or remark on his complete professionalism, one can be fairly confident that a large "however" lurks ahead. The inference is usually that safety equates with timidity, that being professional also means being mechanical.

This is to misunderstand, and to underestimate, Marriner's craft. Orwell wrote that good prose should be like a window-pane, and Marriner clearly believes a conductor should be, too: a direct, scrupulous channel to the composer's manuscript, undistorted as far as possible by interpretative quirkiness.

This performance of Dvořák's Eighth Symphony was a quintessential demonstration: flawlessly balanced, crisply delineated in rhythm, and sensitively phrased. The Philharmonia's now rather young-looking fiddle section, which had earlier seemed short of tonal bloom in Verdi's *I Vespri Siciliani* overture, responded enthusiastically to Marriner's stylish nuances here, and the brass were in brilliant form.

Dimitry Sitkovetsky, the soloist in Brahms's Violin Concerto, has a few habits that totter on the brink of becoming caricatures: a penchant for swoopy slithers up the string, sudden changes of timbre, and a way of leaning heavily on the opening note of each phrase. But beneath these lay a cogent interpretation, and where Sitkovetsky took a more gentle view there was some beautiful tone as well.

Richard Morrison

THEATRE

Suite in Two Keys

Palace Theatre,
Watford

Cowards are popping up in all corners of the kingdom this winter. Noël Coward's that is. At Watford this double bill presents the first opportunity since 1966 to see two of the last plays he wrote, a suite originally in three keys and staged in repertoire with a third play, the best of them, the full length *A Song at Twilight*.

Shadows of the Evening gives us the weepy side of love as an agnostic (Francis Matthews) reacts to the news that he is dying of cancer. He and the two women in his life (Caroline Blakiston, Isla Blair) tell one another how difficult the knowledge is to bear; each endeavours to adapt to his extinction with nobility and courage.

It is a poignant theme prevented from stirring the heart because of Coward's insistence on making the characters articulate their emotions so precisely.

Caroline Blakiston's still resentful movements when she first enters the room reveal more effectively the pain of the abandoned wife than almost all the phrases Coward imagines for her.

Jolly music precedes the second play, *Come Into the Garden Maud*, to tell us that more cheerful things are ahead.

Francis Matthews plays with a genial, throwaway charm. Matthew Francis (not to be confused with Francis Matthews) directs decently enough, but neither of the plays has worn well.

Jeremy Kingston

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My father, the luckiest President

This week a commission of historians will deliver their verdict on the wartime conduct of Kurt Waldheim. For his most ardent supporter, his daughter Christa, there can be only one possible outcome. **Caroline Phillips** reports

"If I opened a paper tomorrow and read that my father had killed somebody, it wouldn't throw me." The same woman later says: "It's sometimes hard to keep your sanity and stop yourself going crazy." She is Dr Christa Karas-Waldheim, a 28-year-old law graduate and daughter of Dr Kurt Waldheim. The youngest of his three children by 11 years, she is the closest to her father and the most politically motivated.

Her relationship with her father is, she admits rather awkwardly, "abnormal". She talks about him in romantic terms: "I always felt he understood me, never felt I couldn't reach out. If he's busy we can see each other at midnight." When she married last June — her husband is Austria's most prominent young conservative politician — her father was not displaced. "I added his name to my married one because I feel very close to both of them." In Karas-Waldheim's eyes, "Papi", as she calls him, can do no wrong.

> 'For a daughter the most important thing is to defend your father'

When her father decided to run for the Austrian Presidency in 1985 for the conservative People's Party, after being rejected for a third term as Secretary-General of the United Nations, she left her job at the Austrian Academy of Science to campaign for him. "He cares about people and wants to help them. He was the best man for the job." Single-handedly and supported exclusively by donations, she enlisted thousands into her "people's movement". She would sleep four hours a night and speak up to eight times a day in different parts of the country, to crowds of sometimes 5,000 people. "I had never addressed more than 10 people before. It was terrifying."

Then, in March 1986, three months before her father was eventually elected, what she will only term the "smear campaign" started. The World Jewish Congress (WJC) accused her father of being a member of the Nazi "brownshirts" and later serving in a *Wehrmacht* unit where he must have been aware of the transporting of more than 40,000 Greek Jews to death camps during the Second World War.

His daughter says that the WJC's "evidence" came from socialist manipulators and that the allegations were "unfair weapons and lies" employed by a frightened opposition.

Talking volubly and maintaining close eye-contact throughout, she constantly refers to her father as a victim and scapegoat. She was, she says, as astonished as her father by his opponents' tactics.

The WJC claimed that Waldheim's autobiography, *In the Eye of the Storm*, published in 1985, was factually incorrect, particularly in its omission of any reference to military service after 1941. He did see further military service — the issue is where and in what capacity. His daughter says that the only stories she had heard about the war years were things like her sister — who is 14 years her elder — being born on a mountain top when her mother fled after the Russian invasion of Vienna.

And her father? "He was just a poor soldier in uniform obeying orders. It wasn't a nice time. He didn't like to remember it."

Last autumn the Austrian government published "The White Book" to rebut the WJC allegations and explain Waldheim's "missing years". During them, Waldheim claims, he served as a translator, as an officer in German intelligence, continued his legal studies then worked as an interpreter and collator of military information. "That was a very boring time," his daughter says. "I can't imagine that anyone will want to read it."

Family ties: during his New York years Kurt Waldheim would take daughter Christa everywhere with him

She believes that she established such a close relationship with her father through being the youngest in the family. "I was spoilt, being the baby. My mother is my best girlfriend." She grew up in New York during her father's terms as ambassador and at the United Nations. (Lycée educated, she now speaks "Berlitz American" with a singing Austrian accent.)

Rather than isolate her from his hectic life, Waldheim would take her to cocktail and dinner parties, luncheons and on trips. Despite his unremarkable career in the UN — he is best remembered for his arid and ponderous style — Karas-Waldheim says: "I saw that he was respected by the whole world. I was so proud of him." She was a trained gold and silversmith; but when Waldheim told her that she should study law, she did.

Karas-Waldheim cannot admit even the possibility that her father could be guilty. "He never gave me any reason not to trust him or to think he was lying." The greatest proof for her, if she needed it, was that her father managed to keep "cool and smiling" throughout his presidential campaign. "It's very tough to constantly defend yourself over something that you didn't do. And difficult to lie, or lie on someone's behalf, for a long time. If his conscience were not 1,000 per cent clean, he would have cracked."

I ask whether it is not every daughter's duty to defend her father? "It's not out of duty," she snaps. "It is the only thing you can do when you love someone who is being attacked and treated unjustly." Her mother, she says, is still "madly in love" with the man she met when they were both studying for law degrees. "After 43 years of marriage she is still extremely in love with my father and she wants to help him."

Has she ever thought, in her darkest moments, that her father might have been associated with murderers? She is as taken aback at the word as she is when I mention Klaus Barbie — "Barbie was guilty, so should be punished, even after all these years." Then "No," she says in answer to the question about her father. Even if "they" find something, it will, she says, be a forgery or invention.

Hypothetically, if he were guilty, she would defend him. "Being a daughter, the most important thing would be to defend your father. My main concern would be to keep his spirits lifted." When I ask her what she will tell her children about their grandfather, she is ruffled. The fact that lies can get out of hand, is the gist of her reply.

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Karas-Waldheim regards the WJC, who sowed the seeds of doubt about her father's military career, as a "bunch of radicals", "a small group of baddies", interested in spreading hatred and yearning to achieve a high profile as Nazi hunters. "I don't think they could give a damn about my father: they just want to defend their good reputation. Of course the WJC have approached me. I don't want to have anything to do with them."

She doesn't think that the children of those Jews who were killed have the right to persecute her father. "Particularly since he has proved that he didn't do anything wrong." Jews, she adds, were not the only victims in the war. "But the children of these victims are making an innocent victim of my father."

Waldheim's supposed misfortunes initially produced a rallying of support and waves of anti-semitism in Austria. Karas-Waldheim says she is not anti-semitic. She says she has Jewish friends — "as does my father". She receives crank telephone calls and hate mail (her friends are amused at the rapidity with which she changes her telephone number). Has her father received threats? "I don't know if he tells me everything," she says in a rare concession.

Waldheim remains on the Watchlist, barred from the US. "Who cares?" she says, with a great deal of care. "I wish he weren't. But I am sure they will soon take him off and apologize." The fact that Austria is isolated — his controversial visit to the Pope last June and his trip to Jordan broke a year-long diplomatic quarantine — is not something that she recognizes. "He didn't become President to see the world," she says sitting in the government office in which she works out the logistics of Austria joining the EEC.

People, she adds, were not outraged by his audience with the Pope. "They were proud. They flew a few people in to be outraged." Whether or not Waldheim receives the Pope on the papal visit to Austria this June depends on the findings of Hans Kurz and the other historians investigating the president's wartime activities.

There is no question, according to his daughter, that Waldheim should step down. Wherever she goes with him, she says, they hear cheering. "He is the luckiest president. There has never been one that the Austrians have shown their approval of so much."

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Future Shop — will we be left at home?

Shopping catalogues are being sold as the chic accessory to the busy lifestyle, and we are told that we will soon forgo the hurly-burly of the high street for the convenience of shopping by phone or screen. But the armchair revolution is no substitute for squeezing tomatoes

JOYCE MACDONALD

We already have the technology to order clothes and curries, holidays and theatre tickets, even stocks and shares, from the ease of our armchairs. So when futurologists predict the end of the traditional shop counter by the year 2000, the real question is not how shocking will Future Shopping be, but how satisfactory?

Can a glossy catalogue or even a screen image ever hope to deliver the goods when it comes to the small but essential details? Will the consumer prefer no-fuss fast delivery to the benefits of seeing the goods, touching them or trying them on?

The launch of the Next Directory last month highlighted the fact that catalogues have become aspirational rather than practical, making use of top photographers and exotic locations. Home shopping was originally targeted at housebound women wanting to try on pantie-girdles in privacy. Now it has shed its middle-aged image. The motherly agents are being replaced by a sophisticated electronic network intended to appeal to those more at home with plastic money and interactive systems.

On Valentine's Day, Jeff Banks's mould-breaking By-mail catalogue, one of the first to look more like a glossy magazine and less like a telephone directory, goes transatlantic, through the US mail-order giant Sears, while in Britain a million copies of the new season's catalogue will be distributed. And on Wednesday the Spring/Summer Kit Collection — four catalogues from Great Universal Stores, owner of Kays catalogues — will be launched. "At the moment there are about 20 million people in Britain buying by post," Banks says. It is the remaining 36 million who are the target for the next stage of Future Shop.

The Next Directory promised "mail order" not by mail but by telephone and courier; goods delivered to your door within 48 hours instead of 28 days (Kit's publicity claims that GUS pioneered a national telephone-ordering system giving 48-hour delivery on 95 per cent of orders). Such service would seem to be a major advance for the working wardrobe, but the talk of the town is how Next's chief, George Davies, has been having problems both with delivery and stock control.

Not so, says Davies. "Ninety-eight per cent of the clothing sent out by courier has been there within 48 hours. Already, 30 per cent of our initial customers have been reordering, and they wouldn't do that if they weren't satisfied. Last Thursday alone we took £379,000 worth of orders." Asked about his vision of Future Shop in the year 2000, Davies becomes uncharacteristically coy. "I have a strong vision of where we're going — but I usually only tell people after I get there."

Banks talks excitedly of "new technology freeing us from the confines of place and time, so that we no longer have to go into a crowded city centre in order to shop". And he predicts that, "those best equipped to cater to the future are the big mail-order companies. They have the technology".

Some mail-order companies are already experimenting with photovideotex — pictures and text transmitted via telephone cables to specially adapted TV sets so that customers can see items together with their descriptions on screen, and order them directly at the push of a button.

Peter Young, director of Viewtel 202, the world's first electronic newspaper, and a pioneer in home shopping through the television screen via British Telecom's Prestel system, sees viewdata as vital to his vision of Future Shop. "Kays has a complete home-shopping system set up and ready to run with more than 35,000 lines," he says.

But while videotex could bring stores such as Marks & Spencer into the home, it will not do so until what Young calls "the problem of the lack of a large enough user base" is solved. In other words, there are not enough consumers who have the technology to use such a system and big companies are reluctant to invest (at the moment some 50,000 homes across Britain are hooked up to Prestel, paying a quarterly subscription fee of £6.50, plus telephone charges).

The market cannot expand until the range of goods and services on offer make it irresistible to more people. Some say it never will. Professor John Dawson, of Stirling University's Institute for Retail Studies, says: "Catalogue companies in America experimented with putting their wares on screen and it was disastrous. It was all too much effort to tune in to: people like to flip through catalogues and browse."

And despite an annual turnover of £250,000 a year, Viewtel terminated its supermarket shopping, provided to West Midland homes by Carrefour, last June after two years. "Customers were ordering fresh meats and vegetables as well as tinned and packet foods," Young says to silence the cynics who believe we will always insist on personally squeezing the tomatoes. He hopes to see the service re-established on a more economic footing in the future.

It may be British Telecom who will give electronic shopping the boost it seems to need. Although they are coy about admitting as much, industry insiders say that BT is considering methods of distributing interactive units to up to two million homes.

A BT spokesman said: "We will not be doing anything like the French Minitel project, where three million terminals were given away, but we are looking at ways of widening the network — possibly through partial sponsorship by database providers."

In America, interactive cable television has given rise to a Home Shopping Network featuring slick video salesmen and even on-screen auctions. Cable is still in its experimental stages here. With cable television, the cable takes over the role of the telephone line in providing the interactive link. But cable has been primarily a picture medium. A happy marriage of computer graphics, text and pictures would be the ideal for the future.

Telaction, a Canadian-based company, is masterminding a tele-shopping project in Chicago which allows participants to see clips of the play or the video they are interested in before buying.

In Britain, Banks is keen to explore the possibility of presenting special offers on screen via conventional television, maybe even through his *Clothes Show*, and the forthcoming *Clothes Show* magazine might be able to offer support for this sort of experiment.

"We have to appreciate the capabilities available to us," says Banks. "But I would hate to see a world without shops, and hate not to be able to go out browsing."

The consensus seems to be that Future Shop will merely free us of the drudgery of lugging tins of cat food and Eurosized boxes of soap powder around so that we can squeeze the tomatoes, if we must, unencumbered.

Victoria McKee

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Press on regardless

PENNY PERRICK

Paul Johnson, writing in *The Spectator*, says that nowadays, when a man reaches 30 he begins to think about buying a Corby trouser-press.

I find this profoundly depressing, a knife-edged sign of the neat, brisk way we live now, a time when there is no place for the man who leaves his trousers on the floor to get that overnight concertina look that I much prefer to a perfect vertical crease. Men whose trousers spend the night being ironed-out often look as if they have slept in their Corby as well — not a sign of interesting little wrinkles enliven their bland faces.

What, I wonder, do men think of buying for their 20th birthday in this nose-to-the-grindstone era? Probably not a second-hand American baseball jacket with a great big blanket-stitched initial appliquéd on the back. Not roller-skates or a Walkman or a bow-tie that lights up and whirrs round. For the time has come to put away childish things, even if you are hardly more than a child. I expect 20-year-olds now think very seriously about opening a monthly account at Austin Reed.

And what about the 40-year-old? What can possibly be left for him since, by the time he enters the fifth decade, he must surely have acquired all those little artefacts that make the executive lifestyle run on oiled wheels — the Filofax, the calculator that fits into it, the suit-carrier that fits over the briefcase, and, quite possibly, the hernia that results from having to carry so many bits and pieces around.

I am glad to say that so far I haven't noticed many women going through this sort of premature-maturity crisis. I suppose I shall consider myself to be an authorized grown-up when I buy my first pair of support tights, but I think I can possibly manage without them until I am 87.

I seem to be in a fit of permanently childish rebellion. When I go shopping for shoes with my daughter — an interesting experience for all concerned since we both have such large feet that sometimes the only thing in the shop that will fit us are the boxes — she looks for something sensible and wedged in black patent while I ponder over fake leopard-skin pumps with spindly plastic heels. Very practical for the office.

I have marked the decades of my life by having my ears pierced, buying a piece of sculpture and (I think this was when I was going to be 30 and trying for a bit of sophistication) paying 60p for a huge black ring with paste diamonds in it which has remained my favourite piece of jewellery. I would not thank anyone who suggested that now I am getting on a bit, I ought to be turning my mind to those little plastic hook-on shelves that provide extra space in the fridge.

As the birthdays pile up, I think it is a misconception to buy yourself things that supposedly make life easier — the trouser-press, the cordless telephone, the fitted sheets, since however many conveniences you acquire, life is bound to get more difficult anyway.

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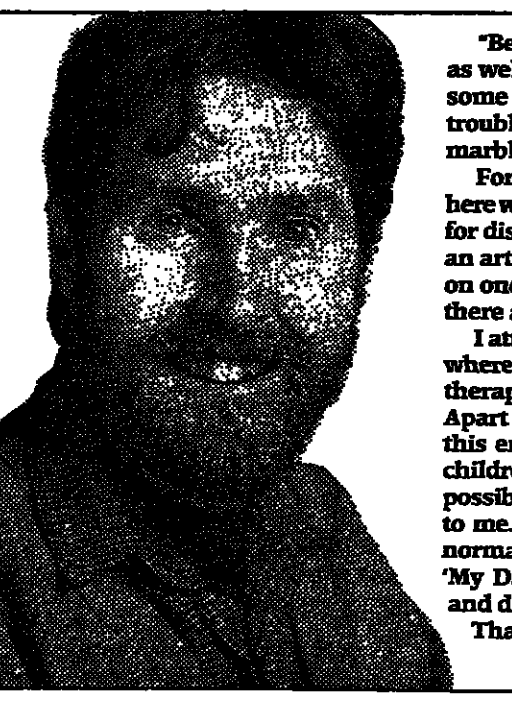

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☆ **THE AUDITION:** An actor, a servant and a marquis in a *portrayal of manipulation and fear* by the Catalan author Rodolph Sirera. British première.
Gate Theatre, *Prince Albert Pub,* 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (01-229 0706). Tube: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat 8-9.15pm, £4.

☆ **O BABYLON!:** Jamaica in the *Sixties. Musical by Derek Walcott* with songs by *Hair* composer, Galt McDermot.
Riverside Studios, *Crisp Road, W6* (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Opens tonight 7pm, then *Mon-Fri 8pm,* Sat *8.30pm,* mat Sat 4.30pm, £3-£6.

★ ***THE BEST OF FRIENDS:*** Dramatized correspondence between GBS, the director of the *Fitzwilliam Museum and a Lady* Abbess; brings John Gielgud back to the West End stage, with *Rosemary Harris and Ray* McAnally.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury *Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube;* Piccadilly Circus. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8pm. Opens Wed *7pm, then Tues*-Sat *8pm,* mat Sat 3pm, £5.50-£15.

☆ ***DANGEROUS OBSESSION:*** Transfer of better than average revenge thriller. Politely smiling *Dinsdale Landen drags Jeremy* Bulloch and Hilary Tindall over the coals.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8-10.05pm, Sat *8.30-10.35pm, mats Wed 3-5.05pm* and Sat 5.30-7.35pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **EVERY BLACK DAY:** Impressive first play by Don Hale. Thriller writer Chester Himes harassed by his two *most famous creations,* Coffin Ed Johnson and Gravedigger Jones.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End *Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube:* Stepney Green. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£6.

☆ **THE FOREIGNER:** Patchy comedy. Nicholas Lyndhurst as a *timid tourist in the US struck dumb* with nerves.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane *WC2 (01-836 3878).* Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-*5.30pm, £5-£13.50.*

☆ **HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES:** *Christopher Benjamin,* Gabrielle Drake in splendidly inventive Ayckbourn comedy where two *dinner parties are* played at the same time round one table.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill *SE10 (01-858 7755). Train:* Greenwich (15 mins from Charing Cross). Tonight 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £3-*£10.*

☆ **KING OF ENGLAND:** Rudolph *Walker plays a London tube driver,* retiring to Jamaica, who treats his family to a smart Soho dinner. New Barrie Keeffe play.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford East, E15 (01-534 0310) Tube: Stratford East. *Mon-*Sat 8-10.30pm, £2.50-£6.50.

☆ ***A PLACE WITH THE PIGS:*** *Jim* Broadbent as the Red Army deserter who lived in a pigsty for 41 years. *Athol Fugard* comedy based on a true story.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews 7.30pm. Opens Feb 16, 7pm, £7.50.

☆ **THE RINK:** Kander and Ebb musical set in a roller-skating rink with Josephine *Blake* and Diane Langton as mother and daughter at odds about its future.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Covent Garden. Previews Mon-Fri 7.45-10.10pm, Sat 8.15-10.40pm, mats Thurs 3-5.25pm and Sat 4.30-6.55pm, £7-£17.50. Opens Feb 17, 7-9.25pm, £8-£19.50.

WORD-WATCHING

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MORIGERATION
(b) Deference or obedience to superiors, obsequiousness, from the Latin *morem gerere* to humour the wishes of somebody.

OSCITANT
(c) Gaping from indolence, i.e. yawning, hence indolent, from the Latin *oscitare* to yawn.

RIMA CHIUSA
(b) A sandwich rhyme scheme, in which the two outer lines and the two inner lines of a quatrain rhyme.

PLUGOLA
(b) An illicit payment, often not in money, given to media people for mentioning commercial products in non-commercial contexts.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The** ***Business of Murder:*** *Mayfair* Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc *01-404 4079*). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** *Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839* 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ ***Serious Money: Wyndhams*** Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo *Victoria (01-828 8665).* . . ☆ ***And*** **Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ **The Wars of the Roses:** Michael Bogdanov's touring production of Shakespeare's seven dynastic plays. Mighty cast led by *Michael Pennington.*
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, Chichester (0243 781312) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, *mat* Sat 10.30am, 3pm and 7.30pm, Wed 2.30pm, £7-£10.

LEEDS: ☆ **Mrs Warren's Profession:** Helen Cotterill and Janine Wood in welcome revival of Shaw's once-banned drama.
Playhouse Theatre, Caverly Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 7pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £3-£6.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≋ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs (103 min).
≋ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. (D)

CHINA GIRL (15): Violent, stylish Romeo and Juliet story set in New York's China Town and *Little Italy.* With Richard Panebianco and Sari Chang as the misfit lovers; directed by Abel Ferrara (90 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.
≋ ***Empire Leicester Square*** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.30.

THE DEAD (U): John Huston's final film — a poignant adaptation of James Joyce's story about a post-Christmas party *in Dublin, full of* mellow reflections on life, marriage and death. With Angelica Huston, *Donal McCann (82 min).*
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 1.40, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

DEAD OF WINTER (15): Tautly controlled suspense drama from *director Arthur Penn,* with Mary Steenburgen as the struggling actress lured to a country estate for *a film audition. With Roddy* McDowall (100 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). *Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.*
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.20.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.40, 5.05, 7.30, 10.00.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes *revenge on Michael Douglas, his* wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling *thriller (119 min).*
≋ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.20.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00.
≋ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, *3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.00.*
≋ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.50, 6.10, 8.40.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE (PG): Tennessee Williams's hothouse play about a tortured family. With Joanne Woodward as the overbearing mother, Karen Allen as *her crippled daughter and John* Malkovich as the smothered son. Paul Newman directs but does not *appear (134 min).*
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.25.

■ **HOPE AND GLORY (15):** John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living *through the extraordinary days of* the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.20, 3.30, 5.55, 8.20.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). *Progs 12.40, 3.10, 5.40, 8.20.*

■ **INNER SPACE (PG):** Imaginative *comic fantasy from the Spielberg* factory. Dennis Quaid is the *miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of* a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
≋ ***Warner West End (01-439 0791).*** Progs 12.50, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

■ ***JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG):*** Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel *about Provençal life in the 1920s;* with Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil and Gérard Depardieu. Claude *Berri directs (121 min).*
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Première (01-439 4470). Progs 2.20, 4.40, 7.10, 9.35.

■ ***THE LOST BOYS (15):*** Adolescent vampire teenagers. The young cast includes Jason Patric, *Corey Haim and Jami Gertz; Joel* Schumacher directs (97 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). *Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30.
≋ **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.25, 8.35.
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.40, 11.15.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills overlooking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

NADINE (PG): Lightweight diversion from writer-director Robert Benton, with Jeff Bridges *and Kim Basinger as a Texan* couple primed for divorce but drawn together by a suspicious *killing (83 min).*
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.00, 3.55, 5.55, *8.30.*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.40, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0613). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.10, 8.15, 10.10.

NO WAY OUT (15): Polished version of a *film noir* classic, *The Big Clock,* with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up; Kevin Costner is the luckless *investigator. Roger Donaldson* directs (114 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-931 *6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45,* 8.25.

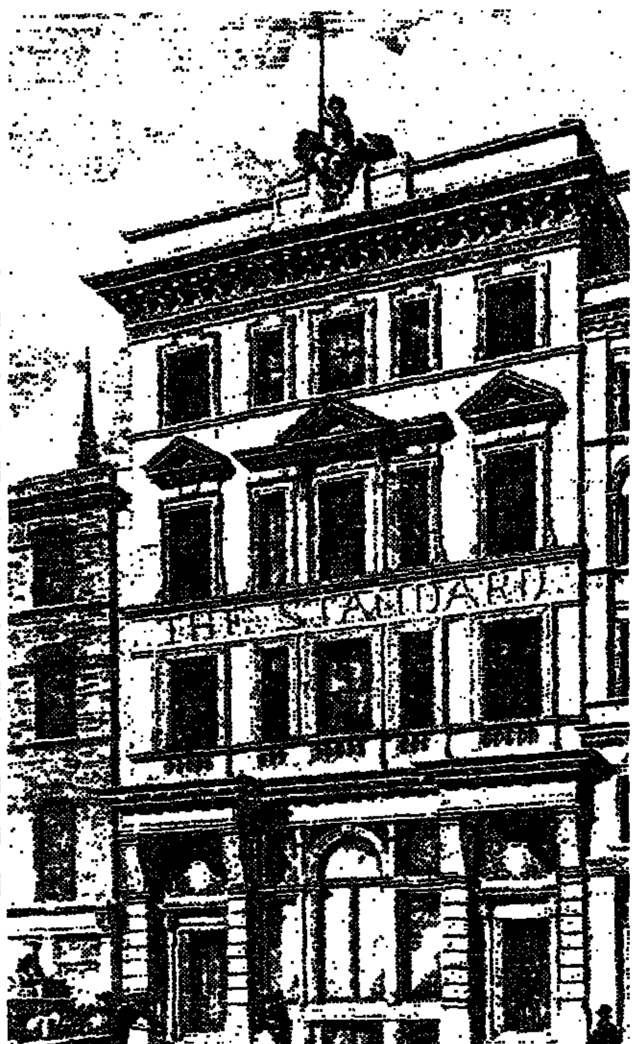
ROBOCOP (18): Violent, cold-blooded fantasy set in Detroit, with Peter Weller as the police officer reconstituted as an indestructible robot. Directed by Paul Verhoeven; with Nancy Allen (103 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.55, 8.35.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 11.10, 1.35, 4.00, 6.40, 9.30, 12.00.

SAMMY AND ROSIE GET LAID (18): Another trip through our harsh *urban jungle, previously explored* by director Stephen Frears and writer Hanif Kureishi in *My Beautiful Laundrette.* With Ayub Khan Din, Frances Barber, Claire Bloom and Shashi Kapoor (101 min).
≋ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691). Progs 2.15, 4.25, 6.40, 8.55.
Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.
≋ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.55, 9.00.

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's entertaining drama, filled with bullets, blood and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).
≋ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **WISH YOU WERE HERE (15):** *David Leland's poignant comedy* about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a drab seaside town. *Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd* (92 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). *Progs 2.00, 6.20, 9.00.*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
≋ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 11.40, 1.55, 4.15, 6.35, 9.05.

■ **WHITE MISCHIEF (18):** Glossy account of cuckoldry and murder among Kenya's "Happy Valley" set in the Forties, with Greta Scacchi, Joss Ackland and Charles Dance. Michael Radford directs (105 *min*).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.



The end of the Street

The offices of *The Standard,* with their imposing Portland stone front (left) were built in 1875 in St Bride's Street, just off Fleet Street. Like much else in the area they have vanished, along with the newspaper (a morning daily, not to be confused with the present *Evening Standard*) produced in them. A succession of closures, and a mass exodus to the East End, have meant that as the centre of the newspaper industry, Fleet Street is dead. The exhibition *A Farewell to Fleet Street* is in a sense an obituary. The result of a year-*long study of the area, it* records the development of the London newspaper industry over more than four centuries, using historic photographs, printing equipment, drawings and original paintings. The organizers *hope to inspire* everyone concerned with the area's redevelopment to heed the mistakes made in other parts of the City and take care of our heritage as best they can. *A Farewell to Fleet Street* opens tomorrow at the *Museum of* London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 2-6pm, free, and runs until May 8. ***Judy Froshaug***

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **KANG CONCERT:** Dong-Suk Kang plays Poulenc's Violin Sonata and Grieg's Sonata No 3. Pascal Devoyen is the pianist.
St *John's, Smith* Square, *London* SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **TWO GUITARS:** The Arenstein-Hoy Duo play an Introduction and Fandango by Boccherini, Sor's Fantasy Op 45, a Tonadilla by Rodrigo and three pieces by Albeniz on two guitars.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **LEA-COX/LECOSALDI:** Peter Lea-Cox conducts the Lecosaldi Ensemble in Schubert's Symphony No 5 and solos in Handel's F major Organ Concerto.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **SIEGFRIED'S JOURNEY:** Sir Neville Marriner conducts the *Philharmonia in Siegfried's Rhine Journey* by Wagner, Walton's Violin Concerto with Nigel Kennedy as *soloist and the Mussorgsky-Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition.*
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.05pm, £2-£14.

☆ ***CIRCA 1500:*** The Circa 1500 ensemble sings Elizabethan and Spanish songs and ballads of the Armada years *by Byrd and* Cabezon, Morley and Vasquez, Dowland and Ortiz.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **NAT WEST CHOIR:** The Nat West Choir is conducted by Ian Humphris in Vivaldi's *Gloria,* Mozart's *Veni Sancte Spiritus* and pieces by Purcell, Bach, Handel, Rossini, Schumann, Wagner and Brahms.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-£6.50.

☆ **REMEMBER BOUFFLER:** Friends of the late Robert Bouffler, including Ameral Gunson and Amber Bonham-Carter, perform Mozart's Masonic Cantata K 619, Debussy's Violin Sonata, Messiaen's *Cinq rechants* and Schoenberg's *Friede auf Erden* in *his memory.*
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), *8pm,* £2-£4.

☆ **AMBACHE/AMBACHE:** Diana Ambache conducts the Ambache Chamber Orchestra in Haydn's Symphony No 48 "Maria Theresa" *and Puccini's Crisantemi and solos* in Mozart's Piano Concertos K 246 and 271.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3.50-£7.

OPERA

☆ **CARMEN:** Opera 80's new travelling production with Colette McGahon in the title role and Stephen Barlow conducting.
The Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591), 7.30-10.30pm, £4.50-£7.

☆ ***BITTER SWEET:*** *Ian Judge's* new production of Noël Coward's classic, soon to open in London, with cast including Valerie Masterson, Ann Mackay and Gordon Sandison.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595), 7.30-10pm, £6-£8.50.

DANCE

☆ **GISELLE:** Peter Wright's careful production for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, *Covent* Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1200) 7.30-9.45pm, £1-£30.

☆ **LEFT OF CENTRE:** A new work by Earl Lloyd Hepburn for Images Dance Company, and his *Filigree in Penumbra.*
The Place, Dukes Road, London *WC1 (01-837 0031), 8-10pm,* £5.

☆ **LA SYLPHIDE:** London City Ballet production of the famous old classic.
Watersmeet Centre, Rickmansworth (0923 771542), *7.30pm, £6-£7.*

ROCK

☆ **STUMP:** Amusing, musically *sound, avant-indie weirdos,* promoting a new single, "Chaos". **The Venue,** 15 Calton Road, *Edinburgh (031 557 3073),* 8.30pm, £4.

☆ **BALAAM AND THE ANGEL:** The Morris brothers have recruited a new guitarist, Ian McEwan, formerly of 20 Flight Rockers.
Mayfair, 490 Sauchiehall Street, *Glasgow (041 332 3872), 8pm, £4.50.*

☆ **THE SCREAMING BLUE MESSIAHS:** The strafing guitar of bald Bill Carter dominates the sound of this manic trio of would-be Flintstones.
Warehouse, Somers Street, Leeds *(0532 468287)* 9pm, £4.

☆ **INXS:** After a shaky start, the Aussies' *Kick* album is high in the UK chart, while "Need You *Tonight" was only recently* toppled from No 1 in the US.
De Montford Hall, Granville Road, *Leicester (0533 544444),* 7.30pm, £6.

☆ **LOS PISTOLEROS:** Enjoyable country combo and refuge for Hank Wangford *band old-timers,* B J Cole (pedal steel) and Bobby Valentino (fiddle).
Break For The Border, Goslett Yard, 127 Charing Cross Road, *London WC2* (01-437 8595), 8.30pm, free.

Tonight's British Record Industry Awards seem to have provoked an unusual amount of navel-gazing among commentators on pop music, most of whom seem to agree that things aren't what they used to be and they don't write them like that any more. Some of the nominees, notably those (such as Rick Astley, above) perveying the plastic pop associated with the Stock-Aitken-Waterman stable, appear to justify the indictment. But among others performing at the Royal Albert Hall in an event covered live by BBC Television (see opposite page) will be singers Chris Rea and Terence Trent D'Arby, whose talents would probably have won acclaim in any era.

JAZZ

☆ **HARRY EDISON:** Second date of the tour by the renowned trumpeter, a sideman with *Basie,* Sinatra, Ellington and many others.
Tim Munday's Wine Bar, Salubrious *Passage,* off Wind Street, Swansea (info 0792 456234) 8.30pm, £4.

☆ **FLORA PURIM:** Backed by a funk-inclined quintet, including husband Airto, the Brazilian vocalist covers plenty of ground, from Milton Nascimento to Billie Holiday.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **STEVE WILLIAMSON:** Strident young saxophonist explores Coltrane.
Wag Club, 35 Wardour Street, London W1 (01-437 5534), 10.30pm, £4.

☆ **EDUARDO NIEBLA/ANTONIO FORCIONE:** Building up a loyal *following, the Latin guitarists* can be heard on a tasteful LP, *Celebration.*
Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £3.50.

GALLERIES

EDWARD GAGE: Paintings, drawings and watercolours by the distinguished teacher and art critic.
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 5955), Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9.30am-*2pm, free, until March 2.*

MANUEL CANCEL: Bizarre figurative paintings by an Argentinian artist living in Paris.
Cadogan Contemporary, 108 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 (01-581 5451), Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Feb 20.

BRENDAN MOORE: Large abstract paintings and drawings by a post-graduate student at the Slade.
Diorama Gallery, 18 Park Square East, London NW1 (01-487 2896), Mon-Sat 12-6pm, free, until March 27.

KAY LYNCH: 30 recent oil paintings.
MacRoberts Arts Centre, The University, Stirling (0786 73171), Tues-Sat 11am-5pm, free, until *Feb 27.*

THE LOVE OF A NUDE: Paintings of the female form by Stuart Scott Somerville and S d'Home Shepherd.
Jameson Galleries, 549 York Road, London SW18 (01-871 4600), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-*6pm, free, until Feb 15.*

PAPERMATES: Sculptures and other works made from paper by 10 artists.
The Gallery Downstairs, Yorke Street, Burnley (0282 21986), Mon-Fri 10am-7.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, free, until March 8.

E McKNIGHT KAUFFER (1891-1954): An exhibition of posters by a graphic designer who worked for Shell-Mex and London Transport.
Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, Richmond Street, Glasgow (041 552 4400), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 12-4pm, free, until *Feb 12.*

YOUNG BRITISH CONSTRUCTIVISTS: Works in various media by Christine Hatt, Nathan Cohen and George *Meyrick.*
Annely Juda Fine Art, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-*637 5517), Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm,* Sat 10am-1pm, free, until March 5.

DOUGLAS COOPER AND THE MASTERS OF CUBISM: 81 watercolours, gouaches, drawings *and prints by Braque, Gris, Léger* and Picasso.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 *(01-821 1313),* Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until April 4.

NOBLE AND PATRIOTIC: A special showing of the 16 pictures given to *the newly-formed National Gallery* by Sir George Beaumont in 1828.
The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, *London WC2* (01-839 3321), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until May 3.

GEORGINA ALLEN AND JOHN DEVANE: Paintings and monoprints respectively at a gallery specializing in nurturing the best of youthful talent.
Paton Gallery, 2 Langley Court, London WC2 (01-379 7854), Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, free, until Feb 27.

FERNAND LEGER: 120 colourful and entertaining late paintings.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, *Whitechapel High Street, London* E1 (01-377 0107) Tues- Sun 11am-5pm, £2.25, until Feb 21.

THE AGE OF CHIVALRY: A massive survey of regal and *religious arts and crafts in* Plantagenet England 1200-1400.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10-6pm £4, until March 6.

WALKS

LEGAL LONDON — THE INNS OF COURT AND LAW COURTS: meet Temple tube, 11am, £3. Also on Wed.

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

THE FAMOUS SHERLOCK HOLMES DETECTIVE TRAIL: meet Baker Street tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

HAUNTED LONDON — GHOSTS OF THE CITY: meet St Paul's tube, *7.30pm, £2.25.*

OTHER EVENTS

BRITISH STAGE AND SCREEN: Travelling exhibition of *250* drawings, prints, posters and ephemera relating to the British theatre from Shakespeare's time to the present day. Artists *include* Aubrey Beardsley, Cecil Beaton, Rex Whistler, Yolanda Sonnabend, Ronald Searle.
Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Penglais Road, Aberystwyth (0970 4218), Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Feb 20.

ULSTER MOTOR SHOW: All the latest cars on display and most motor manufacturers represented.
King's Hall, Balmoral, Belfast (0232 665225). Today 2-10pm, tomorrow until Fri 12-10pm, Sat 10am-6pm, £2.50 (child £1.20).

NATIONAL GALLERY FILMS: *The Art of Claude Lorraine* and *Poussin.*
National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321). Today 1pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

TRAVELLING OPERA: First visit by company to Sadler's Wells, with two operas adapted by Peter Knapp: *The Barber of Seville,* set in a Spanish hotel in the Thirties; and *The Marriage of Figaro* set in an English country house in 1939. May 10-21.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). *Personal and phone booking* opens today.

SHAKESPEARE'S LAST PLAYS: *Cymbeline, The Winter's Tale* and *The Tempest* open at Cottesloe in May, as part of *End Games* celebration of late work on the South Bank; cast includes Robert *Eddison and Tim Pigott-Smith;* directed by Peter Hall, with music by Harrison Birtwistle.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Postal booking opens today, personal *booking March 4,* phone booking March 7

LAST CHANCE

ONE FOR THE POT: Last performances of Tony Hilton's Brian Rix farce, with cast including *some members of original Brian* Rix company.
Gloucestershire Everyman, Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573). Final week.

GIFTS FOR VALENTINES: Jewellery, ceramics and wooden objects.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 5070). Final week.

INTRODUCING WITH PLEASURE: Selection by 12 celebrities from Arts Council collection.
MacLaurin Art Gallery, Monument Road, Alloway, Ayr (0292 43708). Final week.

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for premium bond prizes are: £100,000: bond number 7FW 281803 (the winner lives in Swansea); £50,000 RB 741894 (Hertfordshire); £25,000 6DZ 573348 (Middlesex).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending January 31 :

	BBC 1		BBC 2
1	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 23.95m	1	Clarence 8.3m
2	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 23.04m	2	Moonlighting 7.25m
3	That's Life 15.25m	3	Yes Prime Minister 7.05m
4	Hi-De-Hi 14.95m	4	Horizon (Mon/Sun) 6.4m
5	Neighbours (Fri 13:30/17.36) 14.85m	5	The Janitor 5.75m
6	Neighbours (Thurs 13:31/17.36) 14.25m	6	Food and Drink 5.25m
7	Neighbours (Tues 13.30/17:38) 14.2m	7	Forty Minutes 4.95m
8	Neighbours (Mon 13:30/17:36) 13.85m	8	M.A.S.H. 4.45m
9	Neighbours (Wed 13:32/17:36) 13.6m	9	Battlestar Galactica 4.25m
10	Antiques Roadshow 13.15m	10	Sherlock Holmes Faces Death 4.25m

	ITV		Channel 4
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.4m	1	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.45m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 15.3m	2	Brookside (Tues/Sat) 5.7m
3	Octopussy ITV 15.9m	3	Hill Street Blues 3.75m
4	Wish You Were Here (Mon/Wed) Thames 13.3m	4	Golden Girls 3.55m
5	Strike It Lucky Thames 13m	5	Assignment Adventure 3.35m
6	Never The Twain Thames 11.55m	6	Rude Health 3.3m
7	Wish Me Luck LWT 11.45m	7	Cheers 3.3m
8	Emmerdale Farm (Thurs) Yorkshire 11.4m	8	The Management 2.95m
9	Singles Yorkshire 11.35m	9	Letters To An Unknown Lover 2.95m
10	After Henry Thames 11 3m	10	Fifteen-to-One (Mon) 2.85m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.3m (6.8m)
TV-am: Good Morning Britain Mon to Fri 2.7m (13m)

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 No perf Ton't. Tomor 7.45 A TRIBUTE TO WOODY HERMAN NATIONAL YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA with special guest stars.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191. CC (928 8800). Tonight 7.30pm. PHILHARMONIA. Sir Neville Marriner, Nigel Kennedy. Wagner: Siegfried's Rhine Journey; Walton: Violin Concerto; Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition

EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS. Royal Horticultural Societies Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50. Adults, £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except Tuesday 09 30 - 18.00. W/E 10.00 - 21 00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828 2768.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Tomor (Last Perfs) Hansel & Gretel. Wed 7.30 Orpheus in the Underworld.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby Info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7 30 THE ROYAL BALLET Giselle. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815. Tomor 6.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Parsifal.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 From tomor - 20 Feb Eves 7.30 MOMIX - Dance from the USA.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO 2 OCT. ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7 30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8 00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565 741 9999 379 4444 240 7200 Groups 836 3962. NICHOLAS LYNDHURST "A Born Comedian" Gdn LARRY SHUE'S NEW HIT COMEDY THE FOREIGNER "The funniest play of the decade" NY Times. Eves 8 Mats Thurs & Sat 3. Now Booking to June 11

ALDWYCH 836 6404 0641 cc 379 6233/741 9999 First Call 01 836 3464 (booking fee) RED. PREVS FROM MARCH 3 Opens Mar 8. Eves 7.30 Sat 4 & 8 FELICITY KENDAL NIGEL HAWTHORNE ROGER REES in HAPGOOD A new play by TOM STOPPARD Directed by PETER WOOD

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Seats sometimes available - Call Today.

APOLLO 437 2663 CC 434 3598/9 CC with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7 days 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444/CCTB 741 9999. JOHN GIELGUD ROSEMARY HARRIS RAY McANALLY THE BEST OF FRIENDS by HUGH WHITEMORE Directed by James Roose-Evans FOR LIMITED SEASON ONLY. PREVIEW TOMOR 8pm. Opens Wed 7pm. Then Eves Tues to Sat 8pm Sat mat 3pm.

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 379 6233/741 9999 First call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30. Saturday 5 & 8.30 LAST 2 WEEKS OF LTD SEASON BEST ACTOR OF THE YEAR MICHAEL GAMBON in National Theatre production of A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE By Arthur Miller Directed by Alan Ayckbourn Charity Matinee Thurs at 2.30 for FIGHT FOR SIGHT

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BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY 'MARVELLOUS SHOW... MAGICAL' S.Times THE WIZARD OF OZ FINAL PERFS!!! Some tkts still avail for TON'T. TOMOR. WED. THURS 7.30 & 22-26 Feb 7.30 (Groups 930 6123). A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM final perfs 15-18 Feb. THE WINTER'S TALE final perfs 19-20 Feb THE PIT Ton't, tomor 7 30 DEATHWATCH/THE MAIDS by Genet. final perfs 19-20 Feb. SPECULATORS final perfs 10-13 & 22-27 Feb. OLD YEAR'S EVE final perfs 15-18 Feb (Students £4.50 in advance).

COMEDY 01-930 2578/8778 cc 839 1438 & 741 9999/& CC (bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123 "A HEART RENDING LOVE STORY" FT DAVID SUCHET SASKIA REEVES "Two Brilliant Performers" Time Out SEPARATION by Tom Kempinski directed by Michael Attenborough "CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION" Punch Mon-Thu 8.0, Fri & Sat 6.0 & 8.45

COTTESLOE National Theatre 928 2252 Ton't. Tomor (previews) 7.30 A PLACE WITH THE PIGS new play by Athol Fugard.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6566/ 379 4444/741 9999 Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company RALPH BATES BRIAN MURPHY LIONEL JEFFRIES PATRICIA BRAKE HELEN GILL RON ALDRIDGE GRAHAM JAMES RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2000 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S Ex

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845 580 9562. Tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day 836 2428 NO BKG FEE CC 379 4444 or 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 DAVE CLARK's TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7 30 Sat 4 & 8.15 SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail from 3pm (Sat from 12 noon) SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T NOW BOOKING TO APRIL

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837/379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S AND THEN THERE WERE NONE "QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC. Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 4TH GREAT YEAR

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7 days 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/Open All Hours 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 8 00. Wed mats 3.00, Sats 5.30 & 8.30. DINSDALE LANDEN HILARY TINDALL and JEREMY BULLOCH in DANGEROUS OBSESSION By N.J. Crisp "TENSION JUNKIES WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED" Daily Mail

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999. First Call 836 2428 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3.00

GARRICK 379 6107 cc 379 4444 (24hr no bkg fee), 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) WILLIAM GAUNT ROWENA ROBERTS IAN TALBOT WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS? by Ray Galton & John Antrobus Eves 8, Mats Tues 3, Sat 5 OVER 350 PERFS! LAST 4 WEEKS!

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755, cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mat Sat 2.30 (Tonight at 7.0) HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES by ALAN AYCKBOURN.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 THE FILM SOCIETY by Jon Robin Baitz. Mon - Fri 8pm Sat 4.30 & 8pm.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 MICHAEL HORDERN IRENE WORTH "A comic gem" Gdn. "A glorious performance" D.Tel and MICHAEL DENISON "..Nimble and Mercilessly Perceptive" S. Times in YOU NEVER CAN TELL by Bernard Shaw Toby Robertson's "splendidly choreographed production" D.Tel Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00 First Call 24hr 7-day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Sold out until Sept. Watch Press for details of New Booking Period

KING'S HEAD 226 1916 EASY VIRTUE by NOEL COWARD

LONDON PALLADIUM Eves 7.30. Mats Wed, Thurs & Sat 2.30 TOMMY & BOBBY CANNON BALL with MARTI WEBB Derek Griffiths Barbara Windsor Cheryl Baker Peter Howitt with John Inman in the Lavish New Production of BABES IN THE WOOD with Special Guest Star ROD HULL & EMU THREE CHEERS FOR THE FUN AND A SHOW YOU CAN TAKE THE KIDS TO SEE" S Mirror Box Office 01 437 7373 Major CC accepted. First Call 24 hr 7 day cc bkgs. 01-240 7200 Open All Hours 01-379 4444 CCTB 01-741 9999 (No bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123 Special Party Concessions apply Box Office.

LYTTELTON National Theatre 928 2252. Ton't 7.45 WAITING FOR GODOT by Samuel Beckett. Tomor 7.45 CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF.

LYRIC W1 437 3686/734 5166 "A Glowing Glory" Sun Exp. RUSS ABBOT ONE FOR THE ROAD By Willy Russell Russ Abbot must leave 23 April. Evgs 7.30 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.40 1st Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444 (Bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Grps 930 6123.

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444. Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in 'The Best Thriller for years' S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 7TH THRILLING YEAR!

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568/638 8891 cc 741 9999 & cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200 EMILE ZOLA'S NANA "REEKS OF SEX & PLEASURE" T. Out. Opens Tonight 7pm. Then Eves 7.30. Thur mat 2.30 Sat 4.30 & 8.00 THUR MAT ALL SEATS £6.

NATIONAL THEATRE CC 01-928 2252 CC Agencies. bkg fee: 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 See OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/COTTESLOE Cheap seats days of perfs from 10am.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS SEATS AVAILABLE TUES MATS AND SOME EVENINGS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO JUNE

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 4.00 & 7.45 ANDROMACHE by Racine "IF THE REST OF JONATHAN MILLER'S SEASON AT THE OLD VIC IS AS POWERFUL AS THIS OPENING PRODUCTION, ATTENDANCE WILL BE COMPULSORY" Independent. LAST WEEK - ENDS SAT!

OLIVIER National Theatre 928 2252 Ton't. Tomor. 6.00 COUNTRYMANIA trilogy by Carlo Goldoni, in a version by Mike Alfreds. Tomor 10.30 THE PIED PIPER.

PLAYHOUSE 839 4401. CC 836 2428 741 9999/379 4444 no bkg fee Grps 240 7941. RUTH MADOC is KAY GOODMAN in NITE CLUB CONFIDENTIAL The New "50s" Musical Comedy Red Price Previews From 27 Feb

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 24

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/ 741 9999 Grp 836 3962. "AN UNSTOPPABLE SUCCESS" D. Express BLUES IN THE NIGHT LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT 6.30. Mon-Thu 8. Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9.

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC "SOME ENCHANTED ENCORE" Std "TERRIFIC" Times "The Music's absolutely marvellous" LBC Monday - Saturday 7.30 Matinees Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 24 hrs 01 836 3464 Group Sales 930 6123

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 379 4444/741 9999 24hr 7day cc 836 2428 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123. FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT "BRILLIANT" PA "A TRIUMPH" D Exp "A SMASH HIT" The People by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 SEATS AVAILABLE AT SOME PERFS.

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. Till 20 Feb Royal Court Theatre presents Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester production of A WHOLLY HEALTHY GLASGOW by Iain Heggie. Dir by Richard Wilson. Mon - Sat 8pm. Sat mat 4pm

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 36TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC 379 6219/836 0479. CC (with bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/First Call 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.30. mats Wed & Sat 3.00 WINNER OF 2 OLIVIER AWARDS 1987 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" N.Y. Post Royal Shakespeare Company in KISS ME KATE with JAMES SMILLIE NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN NICHOLA McAULIFFE - BEST ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL Olivier Awards 1987 "A DREAM TO SEE" D. Exp.

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) grps 930 6123 BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Awards 1987 Drama Magazine Awards 1987 Plays & Players Award 1987 Standard Drama Awards 1987 BEST MUSICAL DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" F.T. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box office phones open 9am-9pm Discounts available for groups for Wed Mats.

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 836 3464 (bkg fee). Grps 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES "THE GREATEST COMIC ENTERTAINER OF OUR TIME" Ind in BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! "BY FAR THE FUNNIEST NEW SHOW OF THE YEAR... PHENOMENAL, EXPLOSIVE AND ENTERTAINING" Obs Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8. Season extended to June 11

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. Opening Saturday 13th February! The RSC's spectacular new musical Carrie Linzi Hateley as Carrie, Barbara Cook as her mother Margaret. Music Michael Gore, Lyrics Dean Pitchford, Book Lawrence D Cohen, Director Terry Hands, Choreographer Debbie Allen, Set Ralph Koltai, Costumes Alexander Reid. Booking for new Stratford Season opens 15th Feb. Stopover Meal/ticket package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 PAULINE COLLINS in SHIRLEY VALENTINE By Willy Russell Directed by Simon Callow "Husbands, wives, sons, daughters, friends and lovers treat yourselves" D. Mail. Evgs 7.30 Mats Wed 2.30 1st Call 24hr 7 day cc 836 2428 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (no bkg fee)

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & CC 834 1317 cc 741 9999 1st Call 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123. ROBERT HARDY & VIRGINIA McKENNA in WINNIE A New Musical Prevs from May 19

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283 CC 01-834 0048/01-741 9999 (no bkg fee) 01-240 7200 - 24 hrs 7 days (bkg fee) 01-379 4444 Open All Hours (bkg fee) THE MIRACLE WORKER FROM 9 MARCH

WHITEHALL 01 930 7765/839 4455 cc 379 6565/741 9999/379 4444 24 hrs & cc bkg fee 240 7200 Grps 836 3962 From 15 Feb THE NEW DOUBLE AWARD WINNING COMEDY Annette Crosbie Sheila Ballantine Alfred Lynch Ralph Nossek Phillip Bird Marty Cruickshank Gwen Nelson Stella Moray "AS FINE A PLAY AND PLAYING AS YOU WILL FIND THIS SIDE OF PARADISE" Daily Mail CURTAINS by Stephen Bill Mon - Thurs 8pm Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45 pm

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) and 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 836 3962. BEST PLAY Olivier Awards 87 And 4 other major Awards Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY Directed by Max Stafford-Clark Mon to Thu 8.0 Fri 5.0 & 8.15. Sat 4.0 & 8.15

ART GALLERIES

CRANE KALMAN GALLERY 178 Brompton Rd, SW3. 01-584 7566. BRITISH ART of the 20th Cent. Remarkable works by: Ben Nicholson, Graham Sutherland, Wyndham Lewis, Sir Matthew Smith, Ivon Hitchens, L.S. Lowry, B. Hepworth, Winifred Nicholson, Mary Newcomb, etc. Daily 10-6. Sats 10-4. Until the end of February.

FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond St, W1. 01-629 5116. GILBERT LEDWARD RA.

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St, St. James's, SW1. 839 3942. PATRICK GRAHAM - Bring Flowers, Bring Candles. First London Exhibition. Until 4 March. Mon-Fri 10-5.30.

MALL GALLERIES (Nr Admiralty Arch) SW1. 930 6844. HUNTING GROUP ART PRIZES EXHIBITION. Open daily 10-5. 3-13 Feb. Works for sale.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Piccadilly W1. 01-734 9052. Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun. (reduced rate Sun until 1.45). AGE OF CHIVALRY : ART IN PLANTAGENET ENGLAND 1200 - 1400. Closing soon 6th March.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand in MANON DES SOURCES (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 ALEC GUINNESS & DEREK JACOBI in LITTLE DORRIT (U) Part 1: Mon, Wed. 12.30; Fri, Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs, 4.00; Fri, Mon, Wed 7.30. Part 2: Fri, Sat, Tues, Thurs 12.30; Mon, Wed 4.00; Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs, 7.30.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. GRETA SCACCHI & CHARLES DANCE in WHITE MISCHIEF (18) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) ROBOCOP (18) Sep progs Daily 11.10 (Not Sun) 1.35 4.00 6.40 9.30, Late Night Show Every Night 12.15. All progs bookable in advance.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 FULL METAL JACKET (18) Daily 2.30 4.45 7.0 9.15.

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) WISH YOU WERE HERE (15) Sep progs Daily 11.40 1.55 4.15 6.35 9.05. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. NO WAY OUT (15) Sep progs Doors open Daily 12.45 3.15 5.45 8.25. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) ROBOCOP (18) Sep progs Daily 1.30 3.55 6.20 8.45. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone welcome.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in High and Dizzy (b/w). 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.30 Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. 9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on blacks and equal opportunities at work
10.00 News and weather followed by The Flintstones. Cartoon (r). 10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School and The Wombles (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Gary Hope with a reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers have the chance to talk to those helping to put *Hospital Watch* on the air.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Today's edition of the magazine programme includes Brian Redhead on a tour of his home county, Northumberland 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. Paul sacks Madge as pleasantly as possible 1.50 Going for Gold.
2.15 Hospital Watch. The first of a week-long series of live broadcasts from Liverpool's Royal, Alder Hey and Broad Green Hospitals. This afternoon includes Debbie Thrower visiting an allergy clinic in the Royal Liverpool.
2.45 Hudson and Halls serve up Dolce Alla Piemontes and Salami Salad with Crutes 3.10 Watchdog features three classic con-tricks
3.35 Calgary 88. A preview of the Winter Olympics.
3.50 Bananaman (r). 4.00 The Antics Roadshow from the Merseyside Maritime Museum, Liverpool 4.10 SuperTed (r). 4.20 Jackanory. Ann Morish, Michael Grandage and Amanda Root with *The Wild Man*, a story from Martin Riley's *Tales From the Edge of the World* 4.30 Droids. (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter.
5.30 Hospital Watch. An up-date on the afternoon's events at the three Liverpool hospitals 5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. 6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. With Julie Goodyear, Tom Wolfe and music from the Bangles
7.30 The British Record Industry Awards 1988 introduced by Noel Edmonds.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayto. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama: The Two Billion Pound Rip-Off. Robin Denselow investigates the cheating that goes on because of the European Community's Common Agricultural Policy, costing the Community an estimated 10 per cent of its budget each year.
10.10 Hospital Watch. The second visit of the day to the three Liverpool hospitals. Included this evening is a talk to a kidney transplant patient, Michael Flaherty whose brother Derek was the donor.
10.40 Talking Pictures: Hollywood and Sex. Programme three of Barry Norman's ten-part series on the story of Hollywood. (Ceefax)
11.30 Return to Evercreech Junction. A documentary about the Beechingized Somerset and Dorset railway, lovingly filmed in 1966 by enthusiast Ivo Peters before it closed down (r).
12.00 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.15 Daytime on Two: a young singer and an apprentice footballer explain how difficult it is to succeed 9.38 How youngsters in three different industries are coping with unsocial hours 10.00 For the very young 10.15 Music: contrasts 10.40 Thinkabout 11.00 Part two of *Hungry Times*, a play set among the Normans and Saxons 11.20 English: science fiction 11.45 Tutorial topics: disputes 12.08 History: the Arabs and Israel since 1947 12.30 Diet and disease 1.00 A visit to a New York neon light factory 1.20 For the young 1.38 After hours in a supermarket 2.00 News and weather followed by a series for the young.
2.15 Songs of Praise from St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry (r). (Ceefax)
2.50 Save a Life. Emergency first aid series presented by Dr Alan Maryon Davies (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by The Professor of Surgery. An *Horizon* profile of Professor Ian McColl at work at Guy's Hospital, London, and Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital, Kent (r).
3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with advice for those who find themselves responsible for arranging a funeral using the fictional case of a man called Fred who dies leaving a distant but sole relative to look after his affairs and funeral.
4.30 Noticeboard. Rob Curling previews radio and television programmes; Marian Foster has news of Daytime Club.
4.35 Poldark. Part 13 of the 16-serial romantic drama set in Cornwall in the 1780s (r).
5.30 Tomorrow's World includes Bob Symes with good news for do-it-yourself enthusiasts (r).
6.00 Film: They Knew What They Wanted (1940, b/w) starring Carole Lombard, Charles Laughton and William Gargan. A drama about Tony, an Italian vine grower living in California, who courts Amy, a lonely San Francisco waitress by correspondence. When she arrives at the vinyard Amy discovers that Tony had sent her a picture of his handsome foreman instead of himself and she finds herself torn between the two men. Directed by Garson Kanin.

Charles Laughton: BBC2, 6.00pm

7.25 Popeye Classics (b/w).
7.40 Barry Douglas. The award-winning pianist performs Chopin's third Scherzo, his second Ballade, his first Nocturne and his Octave Study.
8.10 Horizon: The Greenhouse Effect. A documentary investigating predictions that by the year 2050 the Earth's temperature will have risen by three of four degrees centigrade, causing dramatic changes on sea level, crop growth and rainfall around the world. (Ceefax).
9.00 Clarence. The final programme of the comedy series starring Ronnie Barker as a myopic removal man and Josephine Tewson as Travers, the woman with whom he lives in frustrating celibacy prior to their marriage.
9.30 Moonlighting. Addison goes missing from prison, desperately trying to reach Maddie by telephone to propose marriage.
10.15 Split Screen. (see Choice)
10.45 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.30 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with cartoon and a comedy series followed at 7.00 by Good Morning Britain, part one, presented by Richard Keys and at 8.00 part two, introduced by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes a "Best for Baby" postbag.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game 10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject 11.10 Let's Pretend to the tale of *The Man Who Thought He Could But He Couldn't* 11.25 Thames news headlines.
11.30 The Miriam Stoppard Health & Beauty Show. The first of a new series on making the most of your health and appearance 12.00 The Sullivans.
12.30 News 12.50 Thames news 1.00 Chain Letters. Word association game presented by Jeremy Beadle.
1.30 Film: Made in Heaven (1952) starring David Tomlinson and Petula Clark. Romantic comedy about a couple's marriage being put under strain when they employ an attractive Hungarian maid. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs 3.00 Busman's Holiday Special. A taster for a new series beginning on Thursday (r). 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. A new series of village tales for children 4.10 Towser (r). 4.20 The Real Ghostbusters 4.45 Seal Morning. Drama serial set in a remote part of the British Isles (r). StarringHolly Aird.
5.15 Connections. The first of a new series of the quiz game, presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help with news of CAPA, the Community Alliance for Police Accountability.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Wish You Were Here. . ? Judith Chalmers leaves Teneriffe on a new budget cruise; Anneka Rice goes skiing in the French Pyranees; John Carter examines the role of the British consul in helping holidaymakers; and Sara Hollamby and Jeremy Gittins continue their rail tour of Scandinavia. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Bet tires of Alec trying to make up his mind about holidays. (Oracle)
8.00 After Henry. Comedy series starring Prunella Scales as a widow trying to cope with a bossy mother and a disobedient daughter.
8.30 World in Action. A documentary investigating the detailed workings of industrial blacklisting.
9.00 Hard Cases. Drama series about the work of the Probation Service.
10.00 News at Ten 10.30 Thames News.
10.35 Film: Tomorrow's Child (1981) starring Stephanie Zimbalist and William Atherton. A made-for-television drama about a young doctor and his wife who agree to have a baby that gestates outside the mother's body. Directed by Joseph Sargent
12.15am I Spy. Vintage American espionage series starring Bill Cosby and Robert Culp.
1.15 Sportsworld Extra. Tony Francis introduces heavyweight boxing from the United States and tennis from Australia.
2.30 News headlines followed by Taxi. Comedy series.
3.00 Film: I Want You (1951, b/w) starring Dorothy McGuire and Dana Andrews. Drama about how small-town America families reacted when the menfolk were called up for action in the Korean War. Directed by Mark Robson.
5.00 ITN World News 5.30 CNN Headline News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools: conservation of the environment 9.47 A profile of the daughter of a Belgian bargee 10.04 Why water is needed and how it is obtained 10.21 Junior maths 10.33 Episode five of the film version of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* 11.00 How water is used 11.17 The formalities involved between the time of boarding a plane to take-off 11.29 The story of *Anansi's Secret* retold by Grace Hallworth 11.41 Maths: squares.
12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for the young — *Pob & Friends, Rebecca* and *Foxy Fables.*
1.00 Open Exchange. Weekly magazine series for Open College learners.
2.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show
3.00 Play: A Painful Case, dramatized by Michael Voysey from a James Joyce story. Siân Phillips, Mick Lally and Ray McAnally star in this drama set in Victorian Dublin about an unmarried bank clerk and the lonely wife of a sea-going captain. Through their mutual interest in music and, later, literature and political ideals, they fall in love. But can their love overcome the social conventions of the day? (r).
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson, in the first of a new series of Predicaments, talks to Nigel Sheldrick and Geoff Hopping, both in their thirties, about the experience of living in a relationship where one partner has Aids.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving quiz game.
5.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series, starring Fred Gwyne and Yvonne de Carlo, about a ghoulish family.
5.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). A tax inspector calls at the Clampetts and is met by a gun-toting Granny.
6.00 Information Technology. Programme six of Alan Dobie's eight-part series explaining the mysteries of information technology. Today's programme examines new measurement techniques that are necessary for the development of new and innovative products.
6.30 Tales Out of School. This last programme of the series examines the future for British schools in the light of the Government's Education Reform Bill. Contributors include Stuart Sexton of the Institute of Economic Affairs, Joan Sallis, Campaign for the Advancement of State Education, Sheila Naybour of the National Parents and Teachers Association, Anne Sofer and MPs Sir George Young and Richard Cayborn.
7.00 Channel 4 News.
7.50 Comment from Tom Sawyer who talks about the Munich air disaster that decimated Manchester United football team 30 years ago. Followed by Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Bobby goes to court over his drink/drive offence and Barry returns to make up with his father after their argument. (Oracle)
8.30 Rude Health. Comedy series set in the health centre of a small town. Starring John Wells, John Bett and Paul Mari.
9.00 Merely Mortal. This final part of the series on death is a film from Australia examines the trauma of stillbirth and infant mortality.
9.55 4 Minutes: Sister Catherine, by Jezz Startup. A young nun, played by Alex Spencer, receives a mysterious Valentine card and is intrigued to know who sent it (r).
10.00 Hill Street Blues. Captain Furillo hears some news about career advancement from a smooth-talking political kingmaker. (Oracle)
11.00 Eleventh Hour Arab Cinema: Cairo Central Station (1958, b/w). Starring Youssef Chahine and Hind Rostom. A comedy drama about a newspaper seller at Cairo Central Station who is besotted by a young woman lemonade seller who happens to be engaged to a porter and trade union organizer. Her playful flirting eventually leads to tragedy. Directed by Youssef Chahine. Ends at 12.25am.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 11.30 International Rugby Special (highlights of Wales v England, Scotland v France) 12.30am-12.35 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Seall Seo! 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.40 Sunset Song, part five (of six) 11.25 Talking Pictures 12.15am-12.20 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 12.00-12.05am News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: The Trap 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 10.35 Anglia Reports 11.05-1.15am Film: The Plot 5.00 Farming Diary 5.40 Survival 6.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film. No Kidding 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 10.35 Falcon Crest 11.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Revenge 11.55 America's Top Ten 12.20am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50-1.00 News 1.30 Film: Splendour* 3.00 Focus 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 News 6.25-6.35 Find a Family 10.35 Busman's Holiday Special 11.05 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.00 Film: Breaking Away 1.50am Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 Sally Jessy Raphael 3.10 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.00-12.30pm Arcade 12.50 News 1.00 Gardening Time 1.30 Film: The Night We Got The Bird 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 10.35 Film: Rear Window 12.40am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Footlight Serenade* 5.15 Home Cookery 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take The High Road 10.35 Sledge Hammer 11.05 Film: Goodbye Pork Pie 12.45am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Granada Reports 1.30-3.00 Film: Checkpoint 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 10.35 Film: Monster Club 12.25am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30 Film: Oregon Trail 3.00-3.30 In Loving Memory 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 Extra Time 11.20 240 Robert – The Apology 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-7.00 Wales At Six 10.35 Survival of the Fittest 11.05-12.40am Film: Touch of Scandal.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50-1.00 News 1.30 Film: Time Machine 3.20 Pet Subject 3.30-4.00 Busman's Holiday Special 5.15 Tales of Crime 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Scotland Today 6.20 Crimedesk 6.30-7.00 Meltdown (Hue and Cry) 10.35 Scottish Women 11.05 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.05am Late Call 12.10 Twilight Zone 12.40 Closedown.

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30pm Country Practice 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Love Lottery 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Nearest and Dearest 10.35 Bats in the Belfry 11.05 Heartwise 11.15 America's Top Ten 11.45 Hammer House of Horror: The Carpathian Eagle 12.45am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm Arcade 12.50 News 1.00 Gardening Time 1.30 Film: Night We Got The Bird 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 10.35 Film: Rear Window 12.40am America's Top Ten 1.15 TVS Sport Special 1.40 I Spy 2.40 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Dangerous Crossing* 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 10.35 Film. Killing of Angel Street 12.25am Epilogue 12.35-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 1.30-3.00 Film: Passion 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Six Tonight 10.35 No Poor Parish – Newtownstewart 11.05 Ulster Motor Show '88 11.35 Make It Pay 12.00 Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00-12.30pm Wish You Were Here ...? 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: The Arsenal Stadium Mystery* 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 Calendar 10.35 Calendar Commentary 11.05 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.00 Twilight Zone 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Fifteen-to-One 1.00 Open College 2.00 Late Late Show 3.00 Mr Pye 4.00 Lluniau Dydd Llun 4.10 Caerwenallt 4.30 Ysgolorieth 5.00 Beverly Hillbilies* 5.30 Mavis on 4 6.00 Nature in Focus 6.30 Tales Out of School 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Arolwg II 8.00 Teulu'r Mans 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar 9.05 Aber 9.35 The Horse in Sport 10.35 South Riding 11.35 Aids Now 12.35am Closedown.

Writer Lucy Irvine (left) with her screen alter ego Amanda Donohoe in Split Screen, on BBC2, at 10.15pm

Rape and the right to self-defence

TELEVISION CHOICE

● I have to confess that until I saw Split Screen (BBC2, 10.15pm) I had no idea what a mace-spray was. Since such knowledge is crucial to an understanding of the programme, and since a straw poll suggests that my ignorance may be widely shared, I must offer a definition. A mace-spray is an aerosol, on sale in French supermarkets but illegal in Britain, which emits a disabling gas. Squirted into the face of a would-be mugger or rapist, it can cause temporary blindness. Tonight's *Split Screen* debate is about whether such "defensive" weapons should be carried. Putting the case in favour is the *Castaway* authoress Lucy Irvine whose eventful life has included being raped at the age of 16. Her argument (dramatized by her cinema alter ego, Amanda Donohoe) is that if a strange man breaks into your bedroom in the middle of the night, you do not just lie there and courteously enquire whether he wants your telly, your body or your life. Whatever the answer, your instinct is not to give him the chance. But as the law stands, if you strike first you can be charged with assault. Putting the contrary view, the American journalist Irma Kurtz contends that offensive self-defence is a recipe for increasing violence. Mace-sprays horrify her and she argues that the best form of defence is "common sense, intuition and a few basic skills". Since one of the recommended skills is a knee to the groin, this might seem like violence by other means. Ms Kurtz calls on a psychiatrist to say that carrying a weapon might frighten your attacker into worse violence, and a Buddhist who advocates relying on the goodness of humanity. As always, the programme leaves you to decide.

Peter Waymark

Rewriting history

RADIO CHOICE

● Two historical plays on Radio 4 today, Roderick Graham's Melford's Axe (3.00pm) and Arthur Miller's The Golden Years (7.45pm), both say to us, in effect: "This isn't how and why things really happened all those years ago, only how and why they *might* have happened." We can, therefore, safely shut our history books. But not our minds. What we have to decide is whether, given that the central characters in both plays were not invented, the invented philosophical arguments Graham and Miller have put into their mouths ring true. Both plays pass the test, Miller's by a mile, Graham's by a metre or two. Except to say that it concerns the confrontation between Montezuma and Cortez and the resulting conflict of ideolgies, I don't intend to say anything about *The Golden Years* because I wrote about it when it received its world premiere on Radio 3 last November. Ideological conflict is also at the heart of *Melford's Axe*, the difference here being that the cockpit is the conscience of the man (true identity unknown, but recreated by Graham as an Army farrier with an axe that performed yeoman service at the Battle of Naseby) who is deputed to chop off Charles I's head, does it willingly because he sees it as a just fate for a tyrant, and goes on to enjoy rich rewards. Graham makes some interesting points about a greater tyranny — that of tainted prosperity. As the tormented regicide, Struan Rodger keeps his own head admirably.

Struan Rodger: R4, 3.00pm

Peter Davalle

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5.30 am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Nicky Campbell 12.30 pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 1988 British Record Industry Awards: also on BBC1). 9.00 Simon Mayo 10.00-12.00 John Peel. FM Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00 am As Radio 2 10.00 pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00 am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
Sports Round-Up 8.50am
4.00 am Colin Berry 5.30 Steve Madden 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05 pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at 7.30, Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special (BBC Big Band) 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton (Jazz on record) 10.00 Jazz Score (quiz hosted by Benny Green) 10.30 Strike a British Note (songs and music from British films) 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00 am Steve Madden 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT 6.00am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Faustus, Desire and the Devil 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Sri Lanka Phone-in 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Peebles' Choice 10.00 News 10.01 Australia 200 Years On 10.30 Vintage Chart Show 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Health matters 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Just a Minute 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Anything Goes 2.00 Outlook 2.45 I've Been Together Now For 70 Years 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Australia 200 Years On 3.45 Capriccio 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Coracle Maker's Tale 4.30 Chain Reaction 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Book Choice 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Sports International 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Coracle Maker's Tale 9.30 Vintage Chart Show 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 A Hobby—Or a Way of Life? 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Mysterious Art of the Conductor 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Story 1.45 Coracle Maker's Tale 2.00 News 2.09 Commentary 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 News 3.15 World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather forecast
7.00 Concert: Handel (Concerto Grosso in F, Op 3 No 4: English Concert under Pinnock), Telemann (Don Quixote suite: Academy for Ancient Music, Berlin) 7.30 News bulletin
7.35 Concert (contd): Dvorak (Slavonic Rhapsody in D, Op 45 No 1: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under Vaclav Neumann), Lortzing (Lebe wohl, mein flandrisch Mädchen, Zar und Zimmermann: Wunderlich, tenor; Ingeborg Hallstein, soprano; Bamberg SO and Bavarian Radio Choir, under Hans Gierster), Mendelssohn (B flat Quintet, Op 87: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields Chamber Ensemble) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Carl Nielsen. Helios Overture (Swedish RSO under Salonen), Sommersang: Irmelin Rose (Aksel Schiötz, tenor), Little Suite, 1888 (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Hymnus amoris, 1896 (Danish Radio Orchestra and Chorus, with soloists Schultz, Gobel, Landy, Norup, Johansen and Andersen
9.35 Oboe and Piano: George Caird and John Blakely perform Schumann's Three Romances, Op 94; Britten's Metamorphoses after Ovid; and Saint-Saens's Sonata in D, Op 166
10.10 Harp recital: Osian Ellis plays Mozart's Concerto in C, K 299 for flute and harp (with ECO under Raymond Leppard and William Bennett, flute)
10.40 Harpsichord recital: Maggie Cole plays Galuppi's Sonata in D minor, Manfredini's Sonata No 2, Scarlatti's Sonata in D minor, Kk 417; and Cimarosa's Sonata in C major
11.10 Goldmark: Delmé String Quartet play Quartet in B flat, Op 8
11.45 BBC Philharmonic, under Bernhard Kell. With Elizabeth Leonskaja (piano). Beethoven (Prometheus overture), Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2), Ravel (Alborada del gracioso; Pavane pour une infante defunte. Also, Bolero 1.00 News
1.05 Violin and piano: Dong-Suk Kang and Pascal Devoyon perform Poulenc's Sonata, and Grieg's Sonata No 3 in C minor, Op 45
2.00 A Two-Way Rainbow Bridge: Michael Oliver presents a programme about musical performance (r)
2.45 Orfeo ed Euridice: first broadcast of Johann Josef Fux's one-act opera, sung in Italian. Charles Mediam (cello) conducts London Baroque. Cast: Michael Chance (Orpheus), Nancy Argenta (Eurydice), Mark Tucker, Nigel Rogers, Lynne Dawson and Nicola Jenkin
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Edward Seckerson
6.35 Organ Music: John Scott in the Turner Sims Concert Hall, at Southampton University, plays works by Frescobaldi, Ligeti (Ricercare; Omaggio a Frescobaldi), and Walther (Concerto del Signor Tomaso Albinoni) 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Julian Spalding interviews Alison Britton about her abstract ceramics
7.30 European Broadcasting Union 20th Birthday Season: Live from Jerusalem . Israel Radio SO, Jerusalem, under Sergiu Comissiona. With Natasha Tadson (piano). Part one. Paul Ben Haim (Psalms), Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini)
8.00 Black Box: Reading by David De Keyser from Amos Oz's best-selling novel
8.20 Jerusalem Concert: part two. Schoenberg orchestration of the Brahms Piano Quartet No 1 in G minor
9.15 Recollections of Henry James: (2). Faith Brook plays the American writer Edith Wharton who records her impressions of James
9.35 Tippett String Quartets: Chilingirian Quartet play the No 3, and Beethoven's Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3, the Rassumovsky
10.40 Can a Horse Laugh? Ronald Pickup reads the short story by Robert Musil, in the translation by David Heald
10.45 Mendelssohn: ECO Wind Ensemble with Thea King and Julian Farrell (clarinets) play the Graham Sheen arrangement of the Konzertstück in D minor, Op 114 No 2
11.00 Composers of the Week: Bach. Excerpts from the Cantata No 208 (the Hunt cantata); the Cantata No 18; the English Suite No 6 in D minor, BWV 811: and the Chorale prelude In dir ist Freude, BWV 615
12.00 News 12.05 Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00 and 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week on 4: programme trailers, presented by Harriet Cass
8.42 Falling Towards England: Clive James reads six chapters from his memoirs (5) The Man in the Brown Paper Bag (the final instalment can be heard next Monday morning) 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Start the Week: Russell Harty with guests (s)
10.00 News; Money Box: presented by Louise Botting (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Desire, by Leslie Halward. The reader is Geoffrey Beevers
10.45 Daily Service: from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Led by the Rev Ernest Rea. With the Choir of Bristol Grammar School (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way: Radio 1 DJ John Peel visits the Wirral Peninsula (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! presented by Kevin Crossley-Holland. The readers: Caroline John and Geoffrey Beevers
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by Susan Rae
12.25 The Lady in the Lake by Raymond Chandler, dramatized by Bill Morrison, in three parts, with Ed Bishop as Philip Marlowe (final part) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: includes items on the music Mozart wrote with woman in mind; children and divorce; and two elderly sculptresses — Joyce Bidder and Daisy Borne. Nigel Anthony reads episode one of Marjorie Quarton's Corporal Jack, the story of a cross-bred retriever dog in the First World War
3.00 News; Melford's Axe: play by Roderick Graham, about the man who executed Charles I. Starring Struan Rodger and Sara Kestelman (s) (r) (see Choice)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: A Twist in the Tale. Christopher Hope discusses the form of the short story with writers including Penelope Lively, David Godwin, Emma Daily, Douglas Dunn, Ian McEwan, Raymond Carver, and Malcolm Bradbury (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Hoax!: (new series) Johnny Morris, Irene Thomas and Donald Sinden tell stories and the studio audience have to spot the lie. The chairman is Tim Brooke-Taylor (r) 7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: presented by Derek Cooper
7.45 The Golden Years: A New World tragedy by Arthur Miller, with Ronald Pickup as Montezuma, Emperor of the Aztecs, and John Shrapnel as the Conquistador, Hernando Cortez. Also starring Hannah Gordon and John Samson. The play had its world premiere on Radio 3 last November (see Choice) (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: tonight's edition is introduced by Michael Oliver. The projected line-up of topics includes Tom Wolfe's book The Bonfire of the Vanities (including an interview with Wolfe himself); the Shared Experience production of Nana, at the Mermaid Theatre in London; and the Opera 80 production of Carmen
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence Man, by Thomas Mann (first of 16 episodes). The reader is Hywel Bennett
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
FM as above except: 11.00am-12.00 For Schools. 11.00 Music Makers 11.20 Let's Move! 11.40 The Music Box 11.50 See for Yourself 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 Playtime 2.20 Science Scope 2.40 Whirligig 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-12.10 am Open University: 11.30 Open Forum 11.50 Fielding's Tom Jones 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time – Modern Plays. Roots: The Heart of Wesker's Trilogy

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Unions seek to reduce rivalry

By Roland Rudd

Leaders of Britain's biggest trade unions, representing more than eight million members, have agreed to overhaul the existing Bridlington rules governing inter-union disputes, in favour of a new code of conduct designed to minimize infighting between unions.

But it became clear yesterday that union leaders were interpreting the code in different ways, paving the way for future conflicts.

Last year's TUC conference avoided a damaging split over the vexed issue of single-union, no-strike deals by referring key issues to a special review body, to produce an interim report on single-union agreements in March, followed by a full report on the future of the movement's organization and structure by the end of the year.

Union leaders have agreed to a new code of conduct, establishing the formula for signing single-union deals to reduce the problems over the so called "no-strike" elements.

Both critics and advocates of the single-union agreements are often willing to sign such deals except for the no-strike part of the arbitration procedure. Traditional union leaders condemn the strike-free element for "sacrificing the fundamental freedom to withdraw labour."

Most union leaders are now urging the working party — which will report back with a draft report on March 7 — to give the new code powers to force a union in conflict with others over a single-union deal to consult the TUC, which would then judge whether the deal could proceed.

Both the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, which openly backs no-strike deals, and the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which fiercely defends its right to sign binding arbitration deals, will not agree to such an all-embracing code.

Mr Eric Hammond, the EETPU general secretary, has confidently told his members that if the review body "carefully evaluates the merits of the EETPU's new-style agreements, it will give them the green light".

Mr Bill Jordan, the AEU president, has made it clear that his union could not accept a code which prohibited the signing of certain single-union deals before consulting the TUC. Under such a scheme the union believes it would not have been able to sign its single-union deal with Ford Dundee.

Some union leaders fear a code without such statutory powers would be impotent.

The general secretaries also considered proposals for union members to change their union if it failed to recruit a large proportion of the workforce. Trade unionists in Ireland can change their union if more than 80 per cent of the workforce votes for new representation.

The Phantom unmasked in New York

Off duty: Michael Crawford takes time off to think of home while walking in the haunting mists of New York before he steps back on to the stage in the title role of *The Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway (Ruth Gledhill writes). His face, for once not obscured by the three layers of foam latex that go to make up his mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, shows little strain at the thought of all that is expected of him. Phantom, which opened at the Majestic nearly two weeks ago, has taken a record $18 million in advance ticket sales. While Lloyd Webber has inevitably been the target of envious criticism, Crawford has been showered with nothing but praise. His performance as the now legendary phantom has been described as powerful, mesmerising, gorgeously spectral and suavely romantic. "What keeps this wobbly block-buster from collapsing under its own grandeur is Michael Crawford," said David Patrick Stearns of *USA Today* after the opening. As much sleep and as little off-stage talking as possible help him to cope with a demanding schedule which involves unusually long three-hour make-up sessions as well as the rigorous emotional tensions of a hit Broadway musical. Part of his day is spent replying to the letters that have followed him across the Atlantic. "I've been receiving letters of good luck from people I haven't heard from in 30 years. Performing in Phantom might appear to be exhilerating, and it is. But to me it is identical to working in any other profession."
(Photograph: James Morgan)

Overtime ban set to force pits shutdown

By Roland Rudd

British Coal is bracing itself for further disruption after the executive of the pit deputies' union, Nacods, yesterday voted to continue a damaging overtime ban.

Many pits will be at a standstill today after members of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers refused to carry out essential safety work at the weekend.

The union is taking industrial action in protest at British Coal's pay offer. At a special executive meeting in Doncaster yesterday, Mr Peter McNestry, the general secretary, said more disruption could be expected if Nacods members are forced to work seven-day rostering.

The board yesterday condemned members of Nacods for "their deplorable action", which it said was in breach of conciliation agreements.

Mr McNestry would not say whether the union had decided to agree to immediate talks to resolve their pay dispute at a meeting of the National Reference Tribunal.

Nacods argues that the tribunal can only decide on differences in interpretation — not on a clear-cut offer which Nacods members overwhelmingly rejected last week.

However, after a request from British Coal, the chairman, Mr Justice Medd, has ruled that the tribunal could hear the pay case.

Although pit deputies are the only workers who can carry out safety work under the Mines and Quarries Act, British Coal has ended the closed-shop arrangement and has made it clear that it is now "possible for UDM members to carry out safety work if they are qualified to do so".

Avalanche kills two climbers

By Ronald Faux

An avalanche killed two climbers and injured three others when sudden blizzards swept the hills of northern England yesterday.

The five were on Bizzle Crags near the Cheviot (2,300ft) in Northumberland, when they were overwhelmed by a wall of fresh snow.

Conditions were so bad that mountain rescue teams and ambulances were initially unable to reach them.

A search and rescue helicopter from RAF Boulmer, Northumberland, attempted to land but the ground was too steep and visibility was reduced by driving snow. A winchman was put down.

Earlier, an RAF helicopter, which had taken an injured fellwalker from Great Langdale in the Lake District to hospital in Barrow-in-Furness, was struck by lightning as it returned to Boulmer from Blackpool where it had refuelled. No one on board was injured and the aircraft was undamaged.

Carlucci pledges update for Nato's short-range missiles

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A firm pledge yesterday from Mr Frank Carlucci, the US Defence Secretary, that American battlefield nuclear weapons deployed in Europe would be modernized and not eliminated set the scene for a potentially bitter debate within Nato over the next few months.

Mr Carlucci, speaking at the annual Wehrkunde conference of Nato defence ministers in Munich, made it clear that these tactical weapons would have to be updated to maintain a proper deterrence.

His outspoken comments appeared to be aimed at both the Soviet Union, which has recently been strongly advocating the elimination of the short-range missiles, and the West German Government, which alone among the Nato allies wants them removed because of the potential threat they pose to their own territory.

The British Government's view is that the remaining nuclear missiles in Europe must stay, following the agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union to remove the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF).

Mr Carlucci underlined the need to go ahead with a decision taken in October 1983 at a Nato Nuclear Planning Group meeting in Canada to modernize the tactical weapons which consist mainly of the Lance missile, which has a range of just under 70 miles. The current proposal is to extend the range to about 280 miles, which would still keep it below the threshold of the INF missiles to be eliminated under the treaty. Nato's 88 Lance missiles compares with the Soviet Union's 1,400 tactical missiles.

Last month Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said in Bonn that Nato attempts to modernize the tactical nuclear systems would threaten future arms control negotiations.

The issue is seen as crucial in West Germany because of a growing feeling amongst all political parties that these missiles should now become the subject of negotiation.

Herr Franz Josef Strauss, head of one of the governing federal coalition parties in Bonn, told the Nato conference of 180 officials and experts that he doubted whether the West German Parliament would approve the modernization of the Lance.

However, Herr Manfred Woerner, the West German Defence Minister and Nato Secretary-General elect, said that the systems "must be kept effective and modernized at some stage," although there was no enthusiasm for increasing the force levels.

The division within Nato over the tactical nuclear issue will come to a head in April at the next Nuclear Planning Group meeting, to be held in Copenhagen. Nato's High Level Group of officials has been examining the modernization programme and a final decision is expected in Copenhagen.

Ferrymen split on work call

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Holyhead yesterday defied instructions from national NUS officials and voted by 123 votes to 80 to continue their strike.

Mr Bill Jones, chairman of the local NUS strike committee, said they feared redundancies in catering services.

The 1,200 Sealink seamen at Dover and Folkestone voted to end their strike after accepting management guarantees that existing work agreements would be honoured.

An NUS spokesman said: "Sealink's guarantee that existing terms and conditions of employment will be honoured is a vindication of the union's determination to take industrial action in defence of freely-negotiated local agreements".

Sailings resumed for P & O Ferries in Portsmouth, British Channel Island Ferries in Southampton, and Sealink in Fishguard and Hull.

Dole and Gephardt head caucus polls

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If it remains bitterly cold, many Gephardt supporters, latecomers to his campaign, may stay at home.

A low turnout could also help Mr Bruce Babbitt, and the Rev Jesse Jackson, each with 9 per cent, whose supporters are very loyal. Whatever happens, Mr Gary Hart, with only 7 per cent, is virtually out of the race.

The Republicans have been badly hurt by the feud between Mr Dole, the front-runner, and Vice-President George Bush. Both sides are now trying to bury the hatchet, but bitterness runs deep, and neither has apologized.

The spat flared up again when Mr Dole took offence at questions about the money his wife inherited. He asked spiritedly of Mr Bush: "How much money is he going to inherit from his mother?"

Mr Bush appeared embarrassed about the row yesterday. He said on television that he had never intended any criticism of Mr Dole's wife, and added that he did not like charges and countercharges. But he recognized that things got "awfully heated" in campaigns.

Mr Dole, who leads the final poll on a commanding 37 per cent, compared with 23 per cent for Mr Bush, defiantly said he was going to preserve his integrity in the face of attacks. The Vice-President, sweeping into the state yesterday for a final burst of campaigning, conceded that he was trying to catch up.

Yesterday's hectic round turned into a battle of the preachers, as the Rev Jackson and the Rev Pat Robertson made full use of pulpits. Even Mr Bush made a publicized visit to the Episcopal Church in Des Moines.

Mr Robertson's invisible "Christian army" is the big unknown factor in this election. There are strong indications at this stage that he will do surprisingly well. If Mr Robertson, now with 13 per cent of the vote according to the polls, pushes Mr Bush into third place, the Vice-President is in serious trouble.

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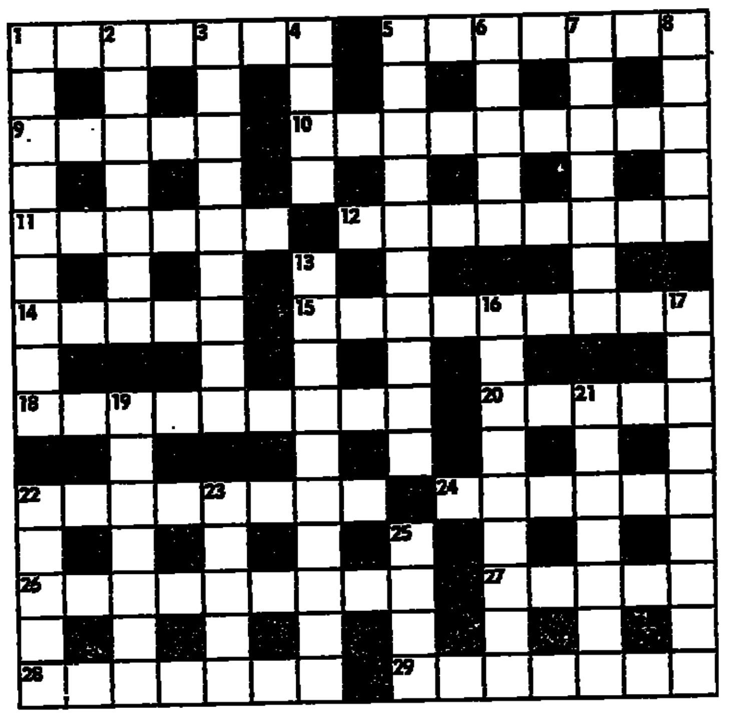

ACROSS

1 Whisky for Alfonso XIII, for one (7).
5 Cavalryman and strolling player, by the sound of it (7).
9 Musicians, etc, represented in Holy Writ (5).
10 Gradual reduction of the figure essential for astronauts (5-4).
11 Followed closely, being obstinately determined (6).
12 Antiquated — therefore permitted to be held in honour (8).
14 Classically elegant, such a story (5).
15 Odd device for converting motion (9).
18 Not a striking example of the horologist's craft (9).
20 This man may be fed in the target area (5).
22 It can yet conceal firmness of purpose (8).
24 One demonstrating a bathroom appliance (6).
26 Gloomy spell in South Africa, and in the East (9).
27 Mountain nymph who wore a diadem inside.
28 Lawless extremists in Rio, perhaps, cut from 25 (7).
29 Anticipate a lower-stream class, say (7).

DOWN

1 Programme includes somewhat coarse actors (9).
2 At university, tense and angry (7).
3 Flatter about a hundred in the plant (9).
4 Hard to abandon the recess — it's so agreeable (4).
5 With which to torture little Tom's lot!
6 Go one better than an alfresco party? (5).
7 Original explorer — one embraced by Mole (7).
8 Row in the kitchen (5).
13 Uninspired footman (10).
16 Boring hue disguising one close to us (9).
17 This paper found in a magazine? (9).
19 Observe and record activity of the Komodo dragon (7).
21 Modern look of headquarters? Just the opposite (7).
22 Good man upset about request for assignments (5).
23 Collector's item we find strange? Not us (5).
25 Complaint from egghead among Gort's men (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MORIGERATION
a. Fabian tactics
b. Deference
c. Mussel-bearing

OSCITANT
a. Importunate
b. Oblique
c. Drowsy

RIMA CHIUSA
a. Hoar forst
b. Closed rhyme
c. A satellite church

PLUGOLA
a. A breed of dog
b. A bribe
c. A cork tampon

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,585 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

A low over the North Sea will move away eastward and a weak ridge will move in quickly from the Atlantic. Another low and area of rain is following close behind to maintain a rather unsettled pattern. Showers will be chiefly near northern and western coastal areas and many places will have a dry day with some sunshine, but cloudier weather will bring rain to Northern Ireland in the afternoon, and to much of Britain during the evening. Outlook: unsettled.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.48	6.8	5.13	6.7
Aberdeen	4.24	3.7	4.20	4.0
Avonmouth	10.07	12.3	10.23	11.7
Belfast	1.59	3.0	2.19	3.3
Cardiff	9.52	11.4	10.08	10.9
Devonport	8.19	5.1	8.35	4.8
Dover	1.48	6.3	1.59	5.9
Falmouth	7.49	4.9	8.05	4.6
Glasgow	3.54	4.3	3.45	4.8
Harwich	2.39	3.8	3.04	3.7
Holyhead	1.12	5.0	1.23	5.2
Hull	9.25	6.8	9.32	7.0
Ilfracombe	8.54	8.4	9.11	8.1
Leith	5.38	4.9	5.54	5.0
Liverpool	2.02	8.5	2.15	8.7
Lowestoft	12.08	2.4	12.50	2.0
Margate	2.47	4.5	3.15	4.3
Milford Haven	9.14	6.4	9.31	6.1
Newquay	8.07	6.5	8.25	6.2
Oban	8.29	3.7	8.53	3.5
Penzance	7.23	5.2	7.40	4.8
Portland	9.31	1.9	10.08	1.7
Portsmouth	2.25	4.3	2.31	4.2
Shoreham	1.54	5.8	2.09	5.6
Southampton	1.47	4.3	1.54	4.2
Swansea	9.15	8.7	9.29	8.4
Tees	6.45	4.8	6.48	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	2.33	4.0	2.58	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	6.1	-5	41brt		
Bridlington	6.0 -	6	43sny		
Hunstanton	5.1	-	5	41	sunny
Cromer	5.1	-	6	43	sunny
Lowestoft	4.1	-	6	43	sny pm
Clacton	6.0	.04	7	45	sny
Southend	4.8	.03	7	45	sny pm
Folkestone	0.9	.59	7	45	bright
Eastbourne	0.2	.41	7	45	cloudy
Brighton	0.5	.47	9	48	bright
Worthing	1.1	.16	6	43	cloudy
Littlehmptn	X				
Bognor R	2.2	.09	7	45	cloudy
Southsea	2.2	.06	7	45	cloudy
Sandown	1.7	.15	6	43	bright
Bournemth	3.1	.18	7	45	sny pm
Poole	3.7	.14	7	45	sny p
Swanage	2.7	.26	8	46	bright
Weymouth	3.7	.41	9	48	sunny
Exmouth	5.2	.31	7	45	hail pm
Teignmouth	4.8	.41	8	46	sunny
Torquay	5.0	.50	9	48	sunn
Falmouth	4.2	.21	7	45	
Anglesey	4.4	.04	7	45	hail
Colwyn Bay	-	.09	-	-	bright
Tenby	3.5	.14	8	46	cloudy
Aberdeen	6.8	-	7	45	sunny
Aviemore	1.0	-	5	41	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	.09	2	36	snow
Kinloss	6.2	-	6	43	sunny
Lerwick	5.6	.04	5	41	sunny
Prestwick	0.2	.09	5	41	shower
Stornoway	4.1	.05	6	43	sunny
Tiree	-	.20	5	41	sleet
Wick	5.9	.26	6	43	shower

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; sl, sleet, t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	13	55	Majorca	f	13	55
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Malaga	s	14	57
Alex'dria	f	18	64	Malta	s	18	64
Algiers	c	11	52	Melb'rne	c	17	63
Barcelna	s	13	55	Moscow	d	1	34
Berlin	s	7	45	Naples	s	16	61
Biarritz	f	9	48	Nice	s	15	59
Borde'x	s	9	48	Paris	s	6	43
Cairo	f	19	66	Peking	f	1	34
Cape Tn	s	32	90	Perth	s	31	88
C'blanca	f	14	57	Reykjvik	s	-5	23
Ch'church	d	18	64	Rhodes	s	17	63
C'phagn	c	4	39	Rio de J	d	24	75
Corfu	f	15	59	Riyadh	s	19	66
Dublin	r	4	39	Rome	f	17	63
Dubrovnik	c	12	54	Seoul	s	-5	23
Faro	s	14	57	St'kholm	c	1	34
Florence	c	18	64	Strasb'rg	c	7	45
Funchal	s	16	61	Sydney	c	19	66
Geneva	c	5	41	Tangier	f	11	52
Gibraltar	s	14	57	Tel aviv	c	17	63
Hong K	c	18	64	Tenerife	f	17	63
Innsbrck	sn	1	34	Tokyo	f	6	43
Istanbul	s	12	54	Tunis	s	18	64
Jeddah	s	31	88	Valencia	s	14	57
Karachi	s	25	77	Venice	f	15	59
L Palmas	f	18	64	Vienna	f	10	50
Le Tquet	f	7	45	Warsaw	r	3	37
Lisbon	s	12	54	Wash'ton			
Locarno	r	3	37	Wel'ntn	c	21	70
Luxembg	f	3	37	Zurich	sn	1	34

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.56	2.42
Austria Sch	21.70	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.70	61.50
Canada $	2.335	2.215
Denmark Kr	11.84	11.24
Finland Mkk	7.54	7.14
France Fr	10.40	9.90
Germany Dm	3.095	2.935
Greece Dr	259	239
Hong Kong $	14.15	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.167	1.107
Italy Lira	2270	2160
Japan Yen	236.50	224.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.30
Norway Kr	11.73	11.13
Portugal Esc	251	238
South Africa Rd	4.05	3.55
Spain Pta	207.25	196.25
Sweden Kr	11.07	10.52
Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.40
USA $	1.835	1.745
Yugoslavia Dnr	2860	2150

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.3 (December)

London: The *FT* index closed down 22.6 at 1387.1.
New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 13.09 at 1910.48.

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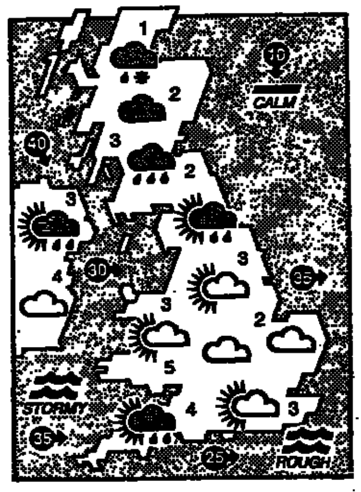

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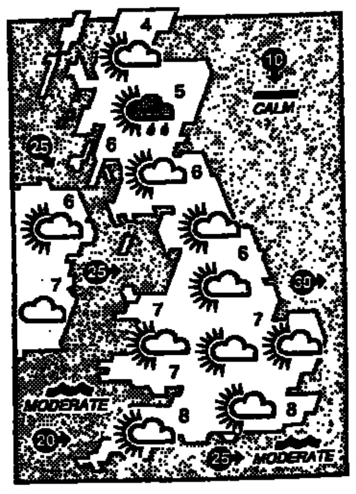

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.32 pm to 6.57 am
Bristol 5.41 pm to 7.07 am
Edinburgh 5.30 pm to 7.23 am
Manchester 5.34 pm to 7.11 am
Penzance 5.57 pm to 7.15 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1003.4 millibars, falling.
Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6pm, 53 per cent. Rain: nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1002.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.29 am	6.02 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
9.07 am	11.26 pm

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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	2	36	Guernsey	f	7	45
B'mgham	s	4	39	Inverness	f	3	37
Blackpool	f	5	41	Jersey	c	7	45
Bristol	c	5	41	London	f	7	45
Cardiff	f	6	43	M'chster	f	4	39
Edinburgh	f	3	37	Newcastle	f	4	39
Glasgow	c	4	39	R'nldsway	c	6	43

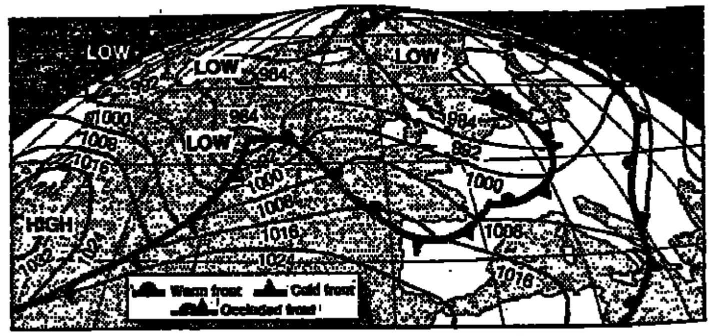
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Scilly Isles 10C (50F); lowest day max: Aviemore 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Diabaig, western Scotland 0.75in; highest sunshine: Minehead, Somerset 7.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -2C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.1hr.
Saturday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -2C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.19in. Sun: 3.2hr.

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1387.1 (–48.6)

FT-SE 100
1737.8 (–53.0)

Bargains
30198 (26287)

USM (Datastream)
145.78 (–2.43)

THE POUND
(Change on week)

US dollar
1.7555 (–0.0145)

W German mark
2.9808 (+0.0143)

Trade-weighted
74.2 (–0.1)

US NOTEBOOK

Clever Fed relieves a creaking system

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The Federal Reserve's 1987 policy of unprecedented monetary contraction continues to produce far more violent results than ever imagined by the "consensus" forecasts.

Initial claims for unemployment insurance in January were nearly 20 per cent above the November level. Payroll employment growth in January fell to a negligible 107,000 compared with the monthly average increase of 296,000 in the final six months of 1987.

The dollar continues to rise while interest rates are falling sharply and rapidly — a sure indication of a marked decline in domestic spending.

The weakening domestic economy has allowed the Fed to add substantially to the effective cash resources of the system without going into the market to buy securities.

One analyst who noted this important change in its infancy observed that the central bank had cleverly failed to take back the large seasonal cash infusions made between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This has kept the markets — in bonds and currencies — largely unaware of what has been going on.

But the results are stark. The annual growth rate of the monetary base (cash plus banks' reserves) has bolted from its fourth-quarter pace of about 7½ per cent a year to more than 16 per cent a year in January.

This has provided some significant relief to the system, creaking somewhat as it is from the effects of feeble retail sales and vastly excessive retail inventories.

The cut in the prime rate to 8½ per cent last Tuesday was no doubt facilitated by the resulting plentiful cash availability, something that has also been increased by weakening loan demands.

Far-sighted foreigners may already see the possibilities of huge gains in the US bond market in 1988. A Japanese who can see a 7¼ per cent yield on the US Treasury 30-year bond by year-end (against 8.28 per cent on Friday) and Y140 to the dollar (against Y129) could look to a total return of more than 30 per cent between now and December.

The inflation rhetoric and hysteria of 1987 have been swamped by the rising tide of deflation news. Since the beginning of the year, the February gold contract has fallen by 10 per cent to less than $440 (£251). Commodity price futures have continued to fall.

Virtually all the resulting action in bonds has been in the medium- and long-term areas. Between January 4 and last Friday, the rate on a 90-day Treasury bill fell 16 basis points, while the yield on the 30-year bond fell 62 basis points.

Central bank intervention purchases, which kept T-bill prices up in 1987, have gone. So has the inflation mania that led to a wide-eyed frightened run into the short end last year.

Whether the US economy is now decisively committed to a recession is not clear. However, the pace of change in the currency markets, the bond markets and the labour markets since December indicates something quite powerful is happening.

What is certain is that the glib optimism of November and December, arguing that "October 19 didn't hurt", is rapidly being replaced by growing fear.

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Dee capable of '£300m profit'

Monk says expansion needs time to pay off

By David Brewerton

Dee Corporation is capable of generating pretax profits of £300 million a year from the businesses already in its ownership, Mr Alec Monk, the chairman, said yesterday.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Monk disclosed that it would take two or three years for Dee to secure the full returns from the acquisitions of Fine Fare in Britain and Hermans Sporting Goods in the United States.

The profit potential be sees within Dee, which was not linked to any particular period, contrasts sharply with the results forecast for the year to April, when Dee is expecting to turn in profits of £185 million, down from £192 million in the previous year.

Brokers are predicting about £225 million for the year ending in 1989, well short of Dee's previous record of 66 per cent per annum compound growth.

However, it is accepted that if the Hermans and Fine Fare acquisitions do work out as planned, there is considerable potential.

"Just because Hermans had a disastrous year last year, because of the Wall Street crash, it does not mean it will have another disastrous year this year," said Mr Monk.

He maintained he had always made it clear that the massive expansion undertaken by Dee over the last year or so would take time to bring benefits, and that the institutions he visits to canvass support for the company are concerned about the prospects for the next two or three years.

Dee is fighting off a £2 billion takeover bid from Barker & Dobson, the much smaller retail group headed by Mr John Fletcher, the former Asda executive.

Last week, the bidder announced that it would not be increasing its highly leveraged offer, a decision that led to celebrations in the Dee camp.

Mr Monk admitted yesterday that had Barker & Dobson increased its offer, "we might have had to think again". He said the bidder would have to offer more than 200p in cash, plus Barker & Dobson shares, before having a chance of success.

But Mr Monk said: "I wasn't surprised he didn't increase the bid". Barker & Dobson has offered 140p cash plus shares, the entire package worth just under 220p compared with Dee's share price of 181p.

Asked whether he ever feared that the rapid expansion at Dee — financed by share issues that depressed the share price — would leave the group vulnerable, he commented: "I thought we'd be given more credit for what we had done. We said it would take three years, but there was pressure on us immediately."

Mr Monk, who once admitted in an interview he was no retailer by instinct, but a businessman, says some of the institutions have complained openly about the poor performance of Dee shares last year.

He said he was not giving any undertakings not to make further acquisitions, but it was common sense that he had to demonstrate that the two main purchases were producing the required returns. "We will be judged on whether they make good sense or not."

Barker & Dobson is financing its bid with a £1.6 billion line of credit, to be repaid by selling parts of the Dee business such as Hermans and the superstores.

Mr Monk insists he will not sell Hermans himself, and he is confident the rewards will come. He is scornful of the intended sale of the superstores. "If you are in grocery, the superstores are 30 per cent of your market. Why give that up? Mr Fletcher's arguments are nonsense."

Quilter's apology over unauthorized broker

By Lawrence Lever

Quilter Goodison, the stockbroker, has apologized to the Stock Exchange because the head of its traded options section was allowed to deal for, and give advice to, clients without authorization from the Exchange.

The apology is embarrassing since Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of Quilter, is also chairman of the Exchange.

The broker, Mr Bernard Lynch, aged 24, had dealt in options for Prudential Bache as well as working for LHW Futures, a firm which has had a controversial reputation, before being recruited by Quilter last March.

He had passed American exams for dealing in US options but did not have clearance from the Stock Exchange to advise clients on British options. Under Stock Exchange rules, brokers who give advice to clients must pass Exchange exams.

Mr Lynch, who did not have an exam exemption which is sometimes granted by the Exchange, blames Quilter for the failure to obtain clearance. Quilter blames him.

He said: "When I was recruited, they never asked me about whether I had exemption. I filled in the form and sent it back to the personnel department. I never heard anything afterwards".

Mr Barry Catchpole, an executive director of Quilter, said yesterday: "He was asked to complete the forms but never returned them."

The Stock Exchange's application form for an exemption must be filled in by the applicant and then signed by a partner or director of the Stock Exchange firm, endorsing the applicant's information.

Mr Lynch is now in dispute with Quilter which dismissed him — he claims unfairly — in November. There is no suggestion that large losses have been incurred, as in the case of other options dealers who have been dismissed.

Dr Christopher Honeyborne, the chief executive of Quilter, subsequently wrote to the secretary of the Stock Exchange, apologizing for the fact that Mr Lynch did not have the appropriate clearance.

BP deal set to be confirmed

The Government's final objections to BP's takeover of Britoil, the Glasgow-based independent oil exploration group, are likely to be removed in time for the Chancellor to announce the completion of the takeover tomorrow.

BP already has more than 55 per cent of Britoil shares, but the Government is using its golden share to extract a firm guarantee from BP that the Britoil operations will retain a high degree of autonomy, and that the Glasgow office and staff will remain intact.

BP is likely to give assurances that its own exploration staff and operations will be moved to Glasgow. Its offer has gone unconditional.

Gulliver tops rival bid for Waverley

By Cliff Feltham

Mr James Gulliver has raised his offer for Waverley Cameron, the Scottish stationery manufacturer, to more than £5 million, topping a £4.8 million bid from Flavell Communications.

Mr Gulliver's private company, Sanda Investments, has increased its terms from 270p to 520p a share cash for a controlling stake, and has the enthusiastic support of the Cameron board, where he has been chairman since December.

Last night, Mr Waverley Cameron, managing director of Cameron, said: "Mr Gulliver has some exciting ideas for the business. We think shareholders should support his proposals." The board is opposed to the Flavell offer.

In a letter to shareholders, Mr Cameron says: "Sanda's proposals will involve the development of the existing business and the acquisition of other businesses trading in a variety of sectors.

"Sanda's proposals are based on the injection of high-quality dedicated management to revitalize the fortunes of Waverley Cameron, and to create within Scotland another major listed company."

Sanda has nearly 13 per cent of the company and proposes to inject £1.6 million in return for an increase to 64 per cent.

Flavell, run by Mr Kevin Doyle, has made a full bid worth 500p and sits on a 26 per cent stake.

USM REVIEW

Parkway bounces back to top

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Parkway, the marketing services group, has regained the number one position in the Deloitte Haskins & Sells USM ratings after slipping into second place last month.

It leads the way with 273 points while **Rockwood Holdings**, the electronic components distributor, which was clinging to the number one spot at the end of December, has fallen to third place with 229 points after being overhauled by **Hawthorn Leslie**, the revamped leisure and electrical products group, on 244 points.

Deloittes says Parkway, which has announced a £3.5 million rights issue to fund an acquisition programme, taking it firmly into the US market, regains top place with a rise in the share price of 15 per cent. That compared with the 8 per cent rise in the Datastream USM index during the same period. Parkway was floated on the USM last July at 110p and closed on Friday at 260p.

Chartsearch, the newsletter and book publisher was the only new entry in the ratings, coming sixth with 200 points. It came to the USM at 18p in October and saw its price close on Friday at 26p.

Mr Irvin Sellars has certainly made his mark at Martin Ford, the loss-making fashion retailer, since he and his fellow director Mr Mel Morris reversed their privately owned property company Sellar-Morris into it in August. In return, both are now sitting on 38 per cent of Martin Ford which was forced to make the move from a full listing to the USM.

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Mr Sellars has wasted little time in turning the company round. Its own broker, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, is forecasting pretax profits for the year to April of £3.1 million compared with a loss in 1987 of £2.2 million.

Martin Ford now bears little resemblance to the retail group of a few months ago. Fashion retailing accounts for only 10 per cent of the business. The main thrust of profits comes from specialist retail property development and investment. Mr Sellars is keen to spread the group's property interests into other areas and is looking for suitable partners for other ventures. In autumn, the group had £138 million of property development on the stocks, now it has at least £200 million.

But he has no intention of running down the retail side: "It's still a good business," he says. "I can choose to expand it or even float it off." Martin Ford's change of direction has also meant a change of identity. Last week the group announced it was changing its name to Ford Sellar Morris Properties.

Copymore, a leading distributor of office equipment, makes its USM debut today. It will be the first company to resume its flotation plans after Black Monday. It was originally to have been floated in November.

The company was founded in 1979 by Mr Jeff Godbold and Mr Claudio Sarno, former sales managers with another office equipment company. The placing of some 25 per cent of its stock by Laurence Prust is expected to capitalize it at about £14 million. Profits in 1986 were £750,000, from sales of £9 million, with profits expected to rise to £1.25 million for 1987. Its p/e will be about 16.

Man with a mission: Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, plans important changes in Woolworth's operation

Woolworth's property shake-up

By Our City Staff

Woolworth Holdings is planning to cut back the amount of space devoted to its high street variety store chain by at least 10 per cent, using some of the vacated space for Superdrug and other group outlets.

At the same time, it is working on proposals to cut costs in both the stores and the distribution operations, which could lead to job losses. But substantial expansion is planned for other parts of the group.

Even after the cutbacks, which will bring the space devoted to the Woolworth chain down from 6.7 million sq ft to less than 6 million, it will still operate from twice the floorspace of BHS, its rival in the variety store business, now owned by Storehouse.

The group is planning to use its extensive property investment portfolio to finance further expansion into specialist retailing, where it can achieve a higher return on capital.

It is understood that the group is in talks with property companies with a view to setting up joint ventures to develop high street sites. Some Woolworth stores have been split already, to provide space for the Superdrug business, where increases of 20 per cent in sales per square foot are being recorded.

Woolworth is already in partnership with Mr Godfrey Bradman's Rosehaugh group through Sheerwater Estates, and has been selling properties on a sale-and-leaseback arrangement. The group is determined that in future deals it will not give away the best end of the bargain, as it is widely reckoned to have done when it sold a strong of high street properties to Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation.

Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, Woolworth chief executive, outlines a "far-reaching programme" of development of the property interests, which amount to nearly £800 million, in a statement about the group's next five years.

It is clear that the board plans further retail acquisitions, and is prepared to sell low-yielding investment property to pay for them, rather than issue additional shares.

The property group is one of three distinct business groupings being set up within Woolworth Holdings, the other two being the high street group and the out-of-town businesses.

Outlining a strategy for the next half-decade, Mr Mulcahy says the guiding principle will be simple: "We are setting out to use our assets more efficiently than ever before."

The board plans to unlock the value of the property business in three ways: by high street development, out-of-town development, and by working on the existing portfolio. Proposals include the redevelopment of many high street sites, and one or more "largely separate" development vehicles, with their own management teams, will be set up.

The objective is to create a development programme "extending beyond the bounds of our current properties. This year alone we expect a significant contribution from high street development. By the end of 1988, some 1 million sq ft will be developed or be under development at 18 different sites," says Mr Mulcahy.

For the year just ended, Woolworth Holdings is expected to make profits before tax of about £140 million, up from £115 million in 1986-87.

Cuts urged in higher tax rates

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his March 15 Budget, should aim for reductions in all the higher rates of income tax, a Centre for Policy Studies paper published today says. But at the same time he should restrict tax reliefs to basic-rate payers, the paper adds.

The paper, entitled *Personal Taxes for the Nineties*, written by Mr Jonathon Bond, a management consultant, calls on the Chancellor to establish a new and more simple income tax system with only four bands.

The top rate should be reduced from 60 to 50 per cent, he says, and the basic rate from 27 to 25 per cent. In between these two there would be just two rates, 35 per cent and 45 per cent.

The cost of such a change would be £3.7 billion, but £1.4 billion of this could be clawed back, Mr Bond says, by restricting mortgage interest and pensions relief to the basic rate of income tax, and by the change in taxpayers' behaviour that would result from cuts in the higher rates of tax.

Mr Bond says the Chancellor has an ideal opportunity to embark on a big tax reform. "The background to the Budget of March 1988 makes it the best opportunity for tax reform since 1945: a booming economy, the first prospect for a balanced budget for 20 years and a strong Government four years from the polls."

CEGB launches campaign to have a say on national grid

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Lord Marshall of Goring, the chairman of the Central Electicity Generating Board, will this week begin his campaign to win support from back-bench MPs against the Government's proposals for privatizing the electricity industry.

Senior managers at the CEGB still hope that proposals drawn up by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, for the break-up of the industry can be modified as they pass through Parliament.

The CEGB hopes it can retain some form of control over the national grid which, under the Parkinson proposals, will be passed on to the distribution companies which will also be given the statutory duty to provide power at present held by the CEGB.

This aspect of privatization, Mr Parkinson feels, is crucial to encouraging more competition in the industry

Lord Marshall will outline his objections to the Government plans — due to be published in a White Paper a week after the March 15 Budget — to the Commons Energy Select Committee on Wednesday.

It will be his first opportunity for public comment on the matter. Both he and Sir Philip Jones, the chairman of the Elecricity Council, have been instructed by Mr Parkinson to limit their public statements on the issue.

Lord Marshall, who discussed the issue with the Prime Minister last week, is believed to have argued that breaking the link between the generating side of the business and the national grid poses a serious threat to the industry's ability to combat the effects of a miners' strike or a serious storm.

A compromise could be that the Government will place the national grid in a holding company owned by the distribution companies but operated on a management contract basis by the existing CEGB national control staff.

Support for the CEGB argument has come today from Professor George Yarrow, Economics Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford. In a report commissioned by the CEGB from Prima Europe, the policy consultant, he suggests that breaking up the CEGB is not the best way of encouraging competition.

Professor Yarrow argues that because the generation and the transmission systems are so closely linked any breaking of that link would threaten the security of supplies.

Call to keep showrooms

Electrical appliance makers want the area showrooms to continue after privatization. The Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances, says the area boards take about 25 per cent of British output and that more than 90 per cent of goods in showrooms are British-made. It also says the price of electricity relative to gas should not be adversely affected.

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ANALYSIS

Cash could prove decisive in Blue Circle battle for Birmid

Mr Peter Prateley, the managing director of Birmid Qualcast, is a compulsive doodler. He used to draw designs incorporating rectangles, arrows and circles – but since December, when Blue Circle launched a hostile bid for Birmid, he has, understandably, avoided circles.

The bid is less clearcut than many, as the victim has done little of late to deserve to be taken over. But the amount of money on the table is not inconsiderable.

As *Blue Circle's £275 million* increased bid is 380p per share in cash, more emotive arguments about the sense and fairness of it all take second place. There promises to be a finely balanced finale when the doors close next Saturday.

As there is only a loan note alternative, investors do not have to consider the implications of taking Blue Circle's equity.

On Birmid's 1988 profit forecast of not less than £28 million, its shares stand on an exit price/earnings ratio of 14.8 times. Stripping out the £3 million pension fund holiday, it rises at least another point. This is above the prospective market multiple for the year of 11 times, and an even greater premium to the rating enjoyed by shares normally grouped with Birmid.

When Hepworth Ceramic approached Birmid last spring, its shares were within reach of 200p. Now they have nearly doubled, but could fall below 300p if the bid lapses.

The heroic days of late 1986 have been put into perspective by the stock market fall-out last autumn. Then the motives of predators were rubbished in the highest places in the land, letting several lucky companies off the hook.

Ethical considerations about the fate of companies callously handed over to aggressors remain influential, but fund managers may not now be so eager to turn down offers, particularly if they involve cash.

Yet Birmid's largest institutional shareholder has pledged allegiance to the existing management. Some will be swayed by this declaration, although the near-40 per cent stake already held by Blue Circle suggests others have decided otherwise.

Blue Circle wishes to use its substantial cash flow to build another leg to its mature cement business, and sees opportunities for consolidation in the £4 billion consumer product market. As yet it is barely represented through Armitage Shanks, the sanitaryware group.

Birmid spotted the same opportunities earlier, but as the smaller company, capitalized at £266 million against Blue Circle's £1.1 billion, it is in a weaker position.

Clear view: Blue Circle's David Poole, at Armitage Shanks last week, is more strongly committed to home products than his predecessors (Photograph by Kevin Harvey)

Looking at the underlying businesses, both Blue Circle and Birmid have medium-term records that do not cover them in glory. But, in Blue Circle's case new management, and in Birmid's case the threat posed by an earlier predator, have brought about transformations.

It is easier to see this metamorphosis from the 73 per cent jump in Birmid's 1986-87 profits, followed by the apparently conservative forecast of a further 24 per cent rise this year.

Blue Circle needs the skilled management within Birmid

Birmid, under Mr Prateley's straightforward and thoughtful leadership, has done much to redeem itself. A worrying dependence on the foundry industry has been significantly reduced with resources reinvested in consumer products. These businesses have real growth potential in a market that has grown by 50 per cent since 1975.

Ten years ago, earnings *from foundries contributed* more than three-quarters of Birmid's profits, whereas now this prime position is occupied by its consumer products interests.

From roots put down after an almost accidental diversification into lawnmowers 20 years ago, Birmid has built up a range of businesses sporting well-known brand names such as Potterton boilers, New World gas cookers and Qualcast lawnmowers. Near or absolute market leadership characterizes many of the businesses, as do strong market shares.

Last year saw the sale of the last of Birmid's problematic *engineering companies* and the purchase of New World.

With gearing of 16 per cent and positive cash flow, Birmid aims to continue making piecemeal purchases in a fragmented industry. Over and above this, organic growth can be fuelled by improved marketing, product innovation and careful cost control.

Blue Circle has also undergone a sea change, triggered by the ascendance in the company's hierarchy of the urbane Mr David Poole and culminating in his appointment as managing director last year.

He appears to have ambitions to mastermind the revitalization of a group known for its introspection and lack of clear strategy.

Blue Circle's performance in recent years has been lacklustre, and frustratingly the 1987 results will not be revealed for a couple of months. Analysts are expecting pretax profits in excess of £150 million, but memories of past disappointments are still lurking in the shadows.

Thus it is difficult to assess how far-reaching and effective the changes already implemented by Mr Poole have been. Many of the decisions will take time to come through to the bottom line, while the correctness of some of the braver strategic moves has also to be proved.

Grey areas remain in the group's US building materials portfolio, where a supposedly temporary setback in Atlanta has hit ready-mixed concrete profits.

Taken as a whole, however, Blue Circle's strategy in the US, a past responsibility of Mr Poole, has shown a more *active and imaginative* band than in the group's previous geographical diversifications.

To date Mr Poole claims responsibility for realizing more than £170 million from disparate overseas cement ventures, and for throwing off the cloak of the 50-year-old cement common price agreement at home. He has regrouped Blue Circle Cement's broadly spread domestic interests as free-standing profit centres.

Better quality earnings would improve Blue Circle's rating

These are important breaks with the group's past, and should have a noticeable impact on productivity and accountability. The Blue Circle of the future hopes not to be dominated by a static domestic cement business.

Realizing the group's significant land holdings has also contributed to a stronger balance sheet. Gearing before Birmid is 17 per cent, and would rise to 55 per cent after, but is expected to drop back swiftly to no more than 40 per cent.

But improving the profitability of two-thirds of the group is only one side of the equation. Mr Poole wishes to use cash flow of at least £150 million a year to build a consumer products division that would balance the £500 million domestic building materials activities. Indeed, if the cash is not redeployed shareholders might demand it be distributed to them.

But Blue Circle's record *with Armitage* is unexciting. Even leaving aside the latter's disastrous US venture, progress with the sanitaryware group should have been better, given the buoyancy of the marketplace and the strength of the brand names. More dynamic management might have backed it more aggressively. Mr Poole is, however, more committed to the home products market than were his predecessors.

The existing overlaps between Blue Circle and Birmid are small, though there may be marketing and distribution advantages to be gained from the complementary strong positions each group has with builders' merchants and DIY superstores.

After all, the potential of the consumer products market has attracted both companies. Birmid is just better established than Blue Circle.

Blue Circle needs the skilled management within Birmid Qualcast. It also needs a new leg to its business if earnings are to move ahead.

The law of diminishing returns will soon come into play in the British cement market, as there is a limit to how much profits can increase through cost reductions. A better quality and spread of earnings would also bring Blue Circle a more respectable stock market rating.

This may enable it to look for other acquisitions. The gap in Blue Circle's portfolio after Birmid is timber products, so vulnerable companies such as *Magnet may come under its* gaze.

For the want of about £14 million, or an extra 20p a share, Blue Circle has probably missed an agreed bid for Birmid. Indeed if the make-up of the personalities involved were *less* like chalk and cheese, this price might have clinched it.

Birmid is unlikely to escape, and if this is the case its management should seize the opportunity of being part of a larger group with a commitment to consumer products, and of continuing with the strategies it has already demonstrated.

After all, to remain independent in these uncertain times could increase the risk of falling all too soon into the hands of a less committed and more aggressive predator.

On balance Birmid shareholders should accept a fair offer.

Alexandra Jackson

GILT-EDGED

Index-linked are ready to prove their worth

Every dog has its day and the day of the index-linked government stock is dawning. The index-linked sector of the gilt-edged market is still a thing of mystery to many investors but it is likely to vie with the fixed coupon sector this year *as the provider of performance to investment* portfolios.

There is still a fair proportion of investors who believe that index-linked stocks have something to do with inflation. On this popular view, *the index-linked perform well* when inflation is rising and badly when price rises are subdued. In fact, it is the fixed coupon market which is exposed to inflation; it tends to go down when prices accelerate and takes heart from a cooling of inflationary pressures.

The index-linked market is really about real yields. When an investor buys an index-linked stock he is largely absolved from any judgement on future inflation. The success or failure of his play *depends on the correctness of* his view on prospective real yields.

It has to be said that there is a mountain of investor prejudice against the index-linked sector. The timing of the introduction of index-linked government stocks in 1981 was unfortunate for it was then that real interest rates worldwide began to escalate.

Economists, even now, find difficulty in explaining why real interest rates rose from 1981 onwards but it may well have been related to investors' increasingly bullish expectations regarding the profits to be earned from investment in productive assets. These, in turn, stemmed from the pro-business, deregulationist policy-stances of governments in the leading industrial countries. Optimism was carried to exaggerated lengths in the final equity market surge before last October.

Following the stock market crash, expectation of returns from investment are settling back to levels consistent with the prospect of relatively subdued world economic growth, at best in a range of 2-3 per cent per annum, for the foreseeable future. Reduced optimism on long-term company *profits growth means* that bonds will not have to work so hard to compete with equities; in other words, real yields can fall.

It is a commonplace nowadays that bond yields are made in Japan. The fact that a preponderant slice of the world's long-term savings are generated within Japan is the supporting evidence for this claim.

The most striking feature *in world bond markets so far* in 1988 has been the 50-basis-point fall in the 10-year Japanese government bond yield, from 4.75 per cent to 4.25 per cent. This is what created the excitement ahead of last week's US Treasury auction as the market looked for Japanese investors to prefer high-yielding US paper to their own government's securities. The fall in Japanese yields occurred without an accompanying decline in expectations of Japanese inflation.

Indeed, if anything, inflation fears have gathered strength in an economy displaying robust growth in domestic demand. There has, therefore, been a significant compression of real bond yields in Japan, the first sign *that lower real yields world*-wide are on the way.

Real yields in the Japanese government's bond market are now probably below 3 per cent. This compares with the almost 4 per cent yields still available on British index-linked stocks. On yield criteria alone, British index-linked stocks look good value. Sooner or later, yields on these stocks are likely to decline to take account of more modest expectations of real return from investment. What is harder to judge is the timing of such a move.

There is no doubt that many investors still nurse prejudice against the index-linked sector because of their experiences with these stocks since 1981. *Fund managers who might* readily give their assent to the proposition that real yields are likely to fall, nevertheless balk at committing part of their portfolios to the index-linked market.

It will take time for the connection between declining real yields and rising index-linked prices to be established. There are, however, some pointers which suggest that the re-evaluation of the index-linked market will not be long delayed.

The Government's financing position is very comfortable and this could reduce funding pressures in the gilt-edged market. Mr Lawson may well be able, in his Budget speech, not only to report a public sector debt repayment in the 1987-88 financial but to project a further repayment for 1988-89.

If the prospect of a favourable supply-demand balance is good for gilts generally, it is especially so for the index-linked which in the past have been weighed down by official selling.

Furthermore, whatever sales of index-linked the authorities undertake in the future are likely to be much more sensitively handled than were some official forays into the market in the past.

The capacity of investors for absorbing new stock has now been established. This is *reflected in the authorities'* preference for issuing relatively small tranches of existing index-linked issues, £50 million or £100 million each, rather than the block-buster £400 million slabs of stock that were launched on to the market in its early days.

Clearly, from this change in issuing policy, the authorities do not intend the index-linked to go the way to oblivion of such exotics as the Treasury Variable Rate stocks. They are still committed to nurturing this market as a fully fledged investment sector and, perhaps, to developing it as a yardstick of value for the fixed coupon gilt and equity sectors.

If index-linked yields fall within the next year or two, as we expect, to around the 3 per cent long-term average real yield on government securities, the capital appreciation on the longer-dated issues would be around 25 per cent.

This kind of performance might be achievable on a well-selected portfolio to equities but, given the present uncertain economic climate, few investors will be confident of reaching it. It is conceivable that fixed coupon gilts will do as well as index-linked but, in this case, the investor has to assume the additional risk of an uncertain inflation forecast.

Arguments such as these are likely to find increasing favour and to power a strong recovery in the index-linked sector. The days of underperformance are probably over.

Stephen Lewis
Phillips & Drew

City job losses unlikely to stem office rent rises

By Cliff Feltham

Office rents are likely to rise in the City and London's Docklands this year, despite the loss of jobs caused by the stock market crash, according to Hanover Druce, the property agent.

The firm, in a review of the property market, says the demand for space in the City has been spectacular, fuelled by Big Bang, and it believes this year is probably not a time for caution.

"It is likely that rents will continue to rise in the City and Docklands, where levels *have reached £20 a sq ft* and £30 a sq ft on the fringe of the City, at Wapping," it says.

"However, if there is a continuing shake-up in the City finance houses, and with 12,000,000 sq ft of office space likely to be available in the City and Docklands by 1989 – together with Olympia and York's scheme at Canary Wharf – will we experience oversupply?

"At the very least, we would expect that rental growth in the City will peak over the next 18 months to two years."

The firm also says commercial *property rental growth* has averaged at 15 per cent.

Why the personnel officers still feel they are 'unloved'

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The importance of personnel staff to companies and the perception of their role by executives is growing, according to a survey published today.

Nearly three-quarters (73 per cent) of top management interviewed said that over the past five years they had made more use of their personnel departments to achieve business aims.

Fifty-six per cent of those questioned said they believed that personnel staff will become more *important over* the next five years.

But despite 65 per cent of managers saying that personnel departments were a significant part of a company's corporate culture, the personnel officers themselves still feel "unloved".

The survey is published in the first edition of *Personnel Today*, and by contrast with the top managers' views of personnel staffs, their own view of themselves is more critical.

Exactly one-third accepted the criticism that personnel professionals lacked an understanding of the business they worked in.

Some of the remainder, while disputing this, still admitted that personnel officers were "staid," that they had "ivory tower attitudes" and lacked management *experience*.

Although 91 per cent of top directors interviewed for the survey believed that the calibre of their personnel manager directly affected the "bottom line" in the company, personnel staff felt they were not appreciated.

In one case, a chief executive credited his personnel director with reshaping his company, while the personnel director still complained that the top management failed to appreciate the work his department did.

The survey was carried out *among 100 executives of top* British companies and their personnel directors and management.

Miss Helena Sturridge, the editor of *Personnel Today*, commented: "Although it is good to see that personnel *departments* are being more widely used in achieving business aims, the profession still has many obstacles to overcome – mainly of its own creation.

"The survey shows that the support for personnel pro*fessionals is clearly there* and we hope that they take advantage of this."

CBI drive for small businesses

By Our Industrial Editor

A new Confederation of British Industry drive to speed the growth of smaller businesses was announced by Mr Harry Kleeman, as he took over from Mrs Jean Parker as chairman of the CBI's smaller firms council.

An eight-point plan from the CBI includes a bid to improve availability of finance for small firms.

Mr Kleeman is also anxious to promote "partnership sourcing" between large and small businesses. It could persuade bigger companies in particular to use, on a greater scale, the products and services on offer from smaller businesses.

The management needs of smaller businesses will be assessed, and programmes drawn up to try to meet their requirements.

Mr Kleeman, due to be chairman of the council for the next two years, is himself in the small business sector, being involved in plastics fabrication at Dorking, Wokingham and Birmingham.

He is a past president of the *British Plastics Federation* and former chairman of the Plastics and Rubber Institute.

Single market will boost British GDP, says report

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The creation of a single European market will produce faster growth in the British economy, but at the expense of higher food prices and a more vulnerable balance of payments, a new forecast says.

DRI Europe, in an assessment of the likely impact of the changes which the European Commission intends to achieve by the end of 1992, says that their overall impact on the economies of Europe will be small.

But some countries, notably France, Denmark and the Irish Republic will suffer a serious revenue shortfall as a result of the harmonization of indirect taxes.

Consumer goods industries will benefit most from the removal of remaining barriers to trade, although they will face greater competition from imports.

Prices of cars and other consumer durables in the EEC are expected to fall because of this greater competition.

DRI says that if the proposals are fully implemented, there will be a halving in taxes on alcohol in Britain, but food will be taxed at a 4 per cent rate, and this will offset the effect of lower drink prices.

Britain, along with France, Italy and Denmark, will show a net gain in real gross domestic product because of the proposed 1992 changes, DRI says. There is little change foreseen for West Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain and Portugal, and a decline in real GDP in the Irish Republic.

Most of these effects occur if the Commission's proposals are assumed to be fully implemented, with harmoniza*tion of indirect tax rates* achieved gradually between 1989 and 1992, and all physical and technical barriers to trade lifted by the end of 1992.

A more realistic prospect, the report says, is that the Commission is only partially *successful, with harmoniza*tion of VAT but not excise duties.

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Own-label sales growth 'slowing'

By Derek Harris, *Industrial Editor*

The rapid growth of the big grocery stores' own-label brands could be slowing.

This is after five years in which sales of this type have more than doubled.

The impact of the big grocery chains in developing house brands can be gauged from the three most active in the field – J Sainsbury, Tesco and Marks and Spencer – together accounting for 59 per cent of all own-label sales which, in turn, represents 32 per cent of grocery multiples' total turnover.

The multiples stock the well-known national brands of goods, but have had lines produced specially to sell under their own name at prices lower than the national brands.

This picture of the own-label market is provided by Marketpower, a specialist researcher whose reputation has so far largely been built on analyses of catering industry markets, including attitude surveys within the industry.

Leading grocery multiples saw own-label trade approaching £9.2 billion in 1986, it is estimated.

In suggesting a brake on growth in the own-label sector, Marketpower is running counter to a common view that the fast rates of growth seen in this market will continue as more stores increasingly use it as a way of gearing up total sales.

The key reason for the expected slowdown put forward by Marketpower is the reluctance it found among most leading retailers to see own-*label* sales account for more than 40 per cent of their total.

The retailers feared that going further would lead to retrenchment by the national brand manufacturers to the detriment of the overall structure of the market.

If this turns out to be right, it will be good news for manufacturers of national brand goods after years of increasing commercial pressure from the multiples. Food manufacturers have long complained of tight profit margins.

Nevertheless, the Marketpower forecast says that own-*label grocery retail sales* will have grown a further 16 per cent in real terms by 1991, netting out the effects of inflation.

In the retail market as a whole, own-label food is predicted to increase by 20 per cent and non-food by 11 per cent with an 18 per cent rise overall.

Penetration is also particularly high in some product areas. In cooked meats and chilled foods, for instance, own-label items have a 59 per cent market share while in dairy products they account for 54 per cent of sales.

With many non-food items own-label has a low level of penetration, examples being pharmaceuticals, with a 16 per cent share, and soaps and detergents which have a 14 per cent share with £107 million sales. But Marketpower sounds a note of caution and adds that there are signs that these low penetration levels will rise.

There could be own-label gains, particularly in chilled and frozen foods as well as wines, according to the survey.

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GM to switch £200m of car component orders to UK

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

General Motors plans to switch a further £200 million of components from mainly West German suppliers to British companies over the next two years.

Last year, GM brought £200 million of component orders to British firms, following the sharp strengthening of the mark.

Half the increased business will come from Vauxhall, the rest from GM's West German Opel subsidiary. Mr Paul Tosch, the chairman and managing director of Vauxhall Motors, said: "There is a general move to put more component manufacturing in Britain, recognizing that it is the second biggest market — after Germany — for GM."

The increased level of British sourcing for parts would raise the local content of Vauxhall cars from 55 to 60 per cent during 1988, Mr Tosch forecast.

Good progress in Vauxhall's drive to cut operating costs by 25 per cent: Paul Tosch

Vauxhall is half way through a three-year programme to reduce operating costs by 25 per cent. Mr Tosch said the objective will take longer to achieve than expected, but stressed: "We have made good progress and this is reflected in the fact that Vauxhall made a net profit in 1987 for the first time since 1978."

This year, the company expects to sell more than 280,000 cars in Britain, compared with 271,000 last year. The increase will be modest because of the disruption at the Luton plant when the new Cavalier model is introduced in the late summer.

Although Vauxhall will invest a modest £20 million in modern machinery for the new model, Mr Tosch said the company was considering increasing Cavalier output from the current level of 32 cars an hour. "There is some potential in shipping cars to the Continent and some growth in the British market," he explained.

Last April, Vauxhall angered the unions when cars were exported from British plants to the Continent for only three months after a break of seven years. The company said demand in Europe for the Cavalier had not been as strong as expected.

Critics of GM's assembly-only operation in Britain have, in the past, been told that when GM came to invest in a new £100 million-plus engine plant, Britain would be well placed to win the investment. Mr Tosch said this was no longer true, as GM has more engine capacity than it needs for the foreseeable future.

Mr Tosch raised the prospect of working with GM-owned Lotus on sporting models with the aim of adding some "excitement" to the British range.

Full order books for civil engineers

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The construction boom shows no signs of slowing, with more civil engineering contractors reporting fuller order books than a year ago. A majority also sees improvements for a year ahead.

There are problems, as costs are rising and some labour shortages are setting in, making it difficult for some contractors to pitch tenders at price levels calculated to restore healthier profitability.

However, some in the industry admit that the flood of tenders coming out is now creating conditions where prices are likely to rise.

The latest quarterly survey of the £4 billion industry by the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors last month found that contracting firms of all sizes have bigger order books.

There were 67 per cent reporting a 12-month improvement in orders — against 62 per cent in the previous survey — and more than half said order books were better than in the middle of last year.

Many contractors are also sanguine about prospects for the next 12 months, despite unease elsewhere over a slowdown in economic growth and possible excess London office capacity emerging, especially in the City.

Over the next 12 months, 52 per cent of the contractors expect new orders to rise. Three months before, only 43 per cent were that optimistic.

Repair and maintenance work is also being seen as either staying at current levels or rising, the more optimistic view being taken by 41 per cent of the contractors.

More than half the firms expect to be employing more people.

The overall rising trend seems to be spreading outwards from the South-east in what the federation describes as a "welcome ripple".

Buoying the industry are projects — either started or in prospect — such as a series of power stations, the Channel tunnel and London's Canary Wharf.

However, Mr Ron Emery, the federation's director-general, said: "If the economy turns sour in 18 months' time, civil engineering work would be among the first to suffer."

On profit levels, the federation gave this warning: "The intensely competitive situation which developed when work was in short supply is proving slow to ease, and costs are becoming more difficult to contain as demand increases for labour, plant and specialist sub-contractors."

ECONOMIC VIEW

Tax cuts mean closures in avoidance industry

Concern is growing among the business community and its advisers about the future of the Business Expansion Scheme and a range of other tax incentives if the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, cuts the higher rates of tax in the Budget.

The success of the BES in tapping personal savings for business has depended on the tax relief the scheme provides. If the top rates of income tax are cut the value of the relief will be cut too.

Also affected could be Personal Equity Plans, Enterprise Zones, private forestry and the structure of the pensions industry, all of which enjoy tax reliefs that have been particularly attractive to high-rate taxpayers.

None of this should dissuade the Chancellor from bringing the higher rates down on March 15. Nor is it likely to do so. Lower rates will leave more money available for investment anyway. The whole point of cutting rates is to leave spending and saving decisions with individuals, and reduce the need for special exemptions. These complicate the tax system and distort behaviour. The Chancellor need do nothing to rebuild these tax shelters when he has contrived a warmer climate outside them.

There may, none the less, be a degree of embarrassment for Mr Lawson. For in pursuing the general principle of tax neutrality the Chancellor, like others before him, has constantly been tempted by the urge to give people an incentive to behave more as the Government would like.

Some of the special tax incentives introduced to achieve this "economic engineering" have been moderately successful. The Business Expansion Scheme, though not always financing the high-risk investments for which it was intended, has certainly increased the funds available to unquoted companies. During 1985-86 a total of £157 million was raised under the scheme at a cost of about half that amount in government revenue.

If the advisers who channel most of this money into the BES are right, this amount will fall substantially if higher rates are cut. The Chancellor, however, should stick to his principles and not seek to offset the reduced attractions of the exemption. Tax relief on up to £40,000 a year at the taxpayer's marginal rate will still be quite attractive.

Personal Equity Plans may present a more difficult problem. PEPs have so far done little to spread share ownership as intended. Although a cut in higher rates is no reason of itself to increase the scheme's fiscal attractions, without some improvement it does not look like ever making any significant difference to genuine individual share ownership. This is truer still after the steep fall in the stock market.

According to tax practitioners the flow of savings into pensions and forestry is less likely to be affected than shorter-term investments. Whereas money might be tied up in forests or for retirement for 20 years or more, equity can be taken out of the BES after five years while PEPs attract relief after only one year. But it is clear that changing the structure of personal taxes is going to demand just as much flexibility from the savings industry as the ending of life assurance premium relief required from the life offices in 1984. A contraction in the tax avoidance business will do no harm at all.

The Keith iceberg

A Finance Bill is rather like an iceberg — nine tenths of it is usually invisible to the public. This year the submerged mass of detail could reveal some important changes in the taxpayer's relationship with the Inland Revenue.

Back in the summer of 1980 a committee was set up under the chairmanship of Lord Keith of Kinkel to consider and make recommendations on the enforcement powers of the revenue departments. The first two volumes of the report were published in March 1983 and a consultative document, *The Inland Revenue and the Taxpayer*, was subsequently issued by the Inland Revenue seeking views by the end of October last year.

Some of Lord Keith's recommendations have already passed into law, including the provisions for indirect taxes collected by Customs and Excise and the simplified "Pay and File" procedure for corporation tax introduced in the last Finance Act.

But a number of important issues remain to be considered. Among the most significant of these for the average taxpayer are the timing of tax returns and penalties for late or incorrect returns.

At present, tax returns are supposed to be completed within 30 days of being issued by the Revenue, but this requirement is honoured more in the breach than in observance. Lord Keith proposed a more realistic time limit of three months, extendable with the inspector's approval to six months, with automatic penalties for non-compliance. He also proposed changes in the law on privacy and the Revenue's right to information in what was presented as "a balanced package".

Depending on the size of the Finance Bill there must be a good case for carrying through any other approved changes in the law on compliance in the first Budget of Parliament. Some tightening of the rules could act as a political counterweight to cuts in higher rates.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Bristol dock plan given the go-ahead

By Colin Narbrough

The Government has given Bristol the go-ahead to raise the funds for the initial phase of its £47 million long-term plan to modernize and develop its dock facilities — a scheme intended to put the loss-making port back in the black and restore its importance to the region's infrastructure.

The Department of Transport has said that Bristol City Council can in the coming financial year borrow the first £4 million towards its 14-year investment programme, drawn up with the help of TechnEcon, an outside firm of consultants.

The Government's commitment applies only to the coming financial year, and no assurances have been given about its support over the remaining years of the scheme.

Whitehall has, however, clearly considered the long-term implications before approving the first phase, and support for future stages is considered very likely.

The borrowing approval, obtained from a Government bent on restraining local authority spending, is conditional on Bristol using some £1.7 million to replace stop-gates in the City docks.

To speed up passage times, the municipal port authority will put some £500,000 into installing middle gates for the big Royal Portbury lock. At present the whole lock has to be pumped when ships pass through. Other immediate investment priorities include new cargo handling equipment and sheds. The plan foresees keeping both docks' systems at Avonmouth and Royal Portbury open.

The City's investment will be more than matched by private sector spending by future users to develop purpose-built facilities at Portbury. A central goal is to restore the port to profit by increasing market share and turnover and lowering costs.

Venture backers seek tax breaks

By Alison Eadie

The British Venture Capital Association, in its Budget submission, has called for the Government to grant the type of tax incentives to entrepreneurs that are available to passive investors in Business Expansion Scheme investments.

Mr Ronald Cohen, a past chairman of the BVCA and chairman of its political liaison committee, said managers being called on to leave secure jobs in big businesses to go into small companies needed some incentive to compensate for the risks. If the small business were to fail, the entrepreneur would lose not only the pension rights, salary and status associated with large corporate jobs, but possibly his house as well if he had taken out a second mortgage.

Passive investors in BES investments enjoy income tax relief on up to £40,000 a year, and pay no capital gains tax on the sale of the investment. The BVCA would like entrepreneurs to qualify for income tax relief on investments of up to £100,000 and have the same break on CGT.

Incentives for entrepreneurs should not cost the Government much. The BVCA members invest in 700 businesses a year, with entrepreneurs putting in an average £40,000 each. Assuming an average tax rate at 50 per cent, the lost tax from BVCA investments would be £14 million.

To set against that, the Government receives corporation tax from successful businesses, and income tax and national savings contributions from the jobs created by new businesses.

The BVCA estimates that by 1992 venture-backed businesses in Britain will employ a total 1.6 million people against 566,000 last year.

Mr Cohen said finding good managers was one of the hardest parts of getting small companies off the ground in Britain.

Vehicle sales move into the fast lane

By Our Motor Industry Correspondent

Buoyant demand for vehicles continued in January with a sharp rise in both truck and car registrations.

Sales of commercial vehicles increased 14.4 per cent compared with the same month last year to 28,880 and car sales improved 12.6 per cent to a record 194,482.

Industry observers have forecast that the first half of the year will continue to show strong demand for trucks. This was reflected in January sales of vehicles of 3.5 tonnes gross weight and above jumping 24.5 per cent to 5,356 compared with the corresponding month in 1987.

Iveco Ford and Leyland DAF headed this sector in 1987, separated only by a handful of registrations. In January, Leyland DAF slipped back to 19.3 per cent behind Iveco Ford (22.2 per cent). Volvo sold 642 heavy trucks and drew closer to third-placed Mercedes (817).

Demand for four-wheel-drive vehicles rose 25 per cent to 1,727 in January as Japanese manufacturers pushed up sales. Land-Rover's share has dropped from 50 per cent to 37 per cent in 12 months.

In the booming car market the post-Black Monday gloom has now been replaced by forecasts of another two million-strong market, though sales will slow down towards the end of this year.

Vauxhall recovered from a disappointing 1987 to a record in January, its best market share for over a year. Ford again led the market, its share slightly lower at 27.3 per cent

Citroen achieved the fastest growth in sales, taking a record 3.7 per cent market share, according to figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

What the Butler saw

The paths of supermarket groups Dee Corporation and Barker & Dobson had, I hear, crossed before B&D launched its ambitious £2 billion takeover bid. B&D, when it bought Budgens from Booker, apparently inherited a running battle involving its supermarket in Porchester Place, London. The local residents' association, the chairman of which was none other than Tony Butler, Dee's business development director, had been complaining of the noise made by delivery lorries. When John Fletcher, the chairman of B&D, said he wanted to open for longer hours, the association was enraged. The dispute has, I am assured, now been resolved amicably, with Fletcher's plan for longer hours being shelved. The association was indeed so happy that Butler even wrote Fletcher a nice letter telling him what a good store Budgens was. That letter was, however, written just before Fletcher launched his bid for Dee. I wonder where Butler shops now?

Student brought to account

Woe betide all accountancy students. One hapless individual has just been judged ineligible to sit his examinations by The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, and all because of a breach of the peace conviction last year. The conviction, which was accompanied by a £50 fine — and a binding over for a year — could, after all, have been the result of something as minor as a protest march or some other high-spirited student antic. The all-powerful disciplinary committee, however, saw fit to order that the student "be declared unfit to become a member and be removed from the Student Register, be ordered to pay £100 costs and that the decision be published in the professional Press referring to the student by name". A subsequent appeal by the student caused them to relent somewhat. His name is to be withheld, he has not been ordered to pay costs, and he has been banned from sitting the association's exams for 12 months. I would be surprised if he still wants to.

Hunger pangs

Staff morale at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers is now at such a low ebb that the personnel department has, I hear, been questioning individual sales staff about their state of mind to ensure that they would be able to cope should volume levels in the stock market suddenly increase. One institutional salesman confided that such time and motion studies were unnecessary. "A simple reinstatement of our lunch expense accounts would do the trick," he tells me. But it does not look as if Citicorp views such cost-cutting as a temporary measure. I am told that John Brown, whose job it was, for many years, to sign expenses claims, has left the firm.

"Perhaps I'll get my parking space back"

Gas cash

Sid must be richer than the advertisers thought. He has been sitting on cheques worth about £1 million since last October. According to British Gas, 50,000 shareholders have failed to cash their first dividend cheques, posted last October. The average payment was £20. Shareholders have until July to pay the money into their bank or building society account. They will not lose the cash, British Gas says, but will need to have their warrants revalidated by the company registrar.

Greens fingers

Denys Henderson, the chairman of ICI, must surely have a literary career ahead of him. Just a couple of weeks after immediate past chairman Sir John Harvey Jones published his first book, it comes to light that another former chairman, Sir Peter Allen, has also been at his typewriter. Sir Peter, aged 82, who already has a string of books about railways to his name, has just published a revised edition of his first golfing book, *Play the Best Courses*. And a second golfing book — about royal golf courses and the royals who played — is already under way. Sir Peter is now, sadly, confined to crutches by a hip problem, but in his heyday, however, he played off a six handicap, and on more than 400 courses around the world. His favourite? "The Royal Cinque Ports Club in Deal, Kent," he says. "I first played it 60 years ago and it humbled me. It's not beautiful, but the last nine holes are among the toughest in golf." Next on his list comes Royal St George's, at Sandwich, and the Newcastle course, County Down.

● **Shares in TSL Group, the old Thermal Syndicate, leapt into action after-hours last week, rising 17p on talk of a bid approach. But any predator sniffing around had better be made of stern stuff. Two of TSL's directors, Dr Al Roach and Wiff Morley are expected to come out with all guns blazing — both are former paratroopers who saw action at Arnhem.**

Carol Leonard

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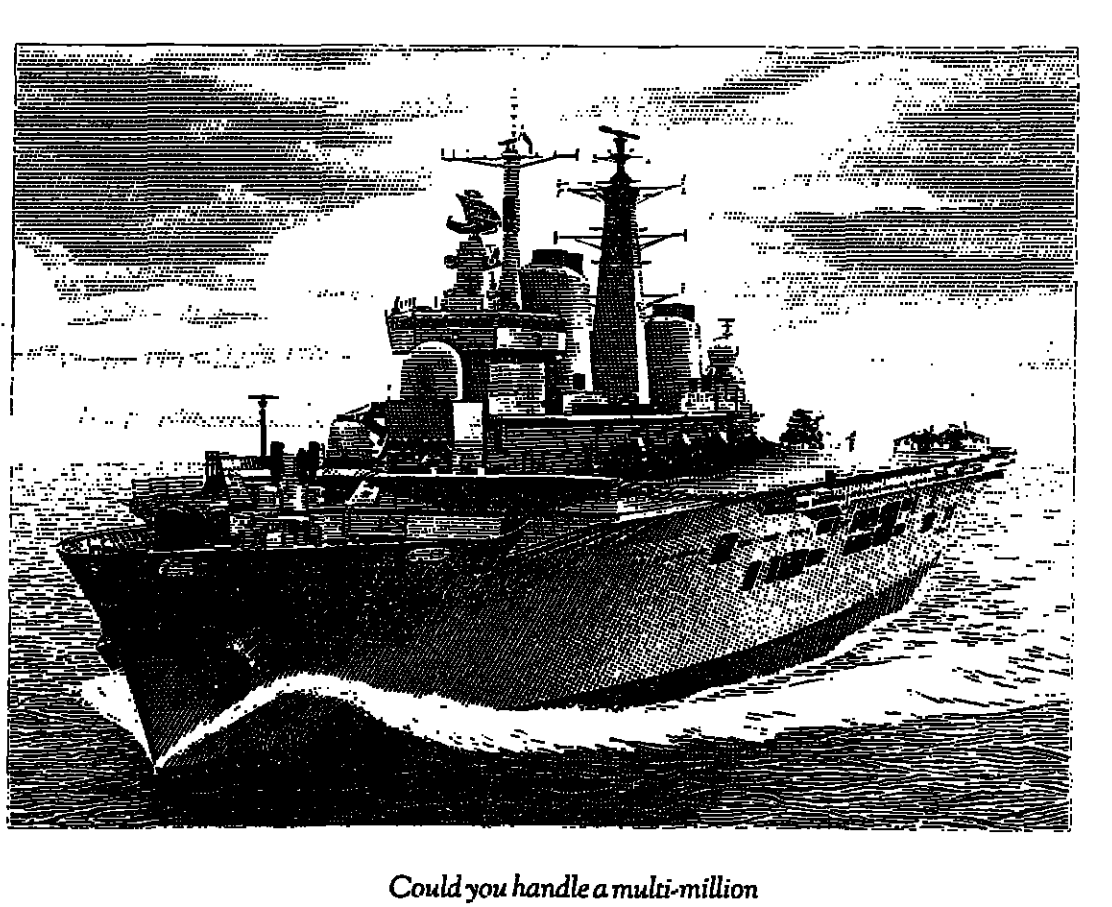

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 74.2 (day's range 74.2-74.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for February 5

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7530-1.7670	1.7550-1.7560	0.30-0.27pr	0.93-0.89pr
Montrl	2.2221-2.2459	2.2221-2.2251	0.12p-0.08d	0.29-0.07pr
Amstrdm	3.3420-3.3507	3.3450-3.3495	1⅝-1pr	4⅜-3⅞
Brussels	61.99-62.56	62.21-62.51	21-5pr	53-33pr
Copnhgn	11.3546-11.4105	11.3854-11.4105	1pr-½ds	1¼pr-¼ds
Dublin	1.1179-1.1217	1.1192-1.1202	12-8pr	27-18pr
Frankft	2.9745-2.9844	2.9800-2.9844	1⅝-1pr	4½-3¾pr
Lisbon	242.37-244.91	242.37-243.38	88-205ds	257-551ds
Madrid	199.33-200.74	199.54-200.01	46-74ds	134-165ds
Milan	2184.94-2197.50	2191.35-2196.13	par-6ds	4-13ds
Oslo	11.2408-11.2911	11.2408-11.2847	3⅝-5⅛ds	13⅝-15ds
Paris	10.0439-10.0724	10.0489-10.0678	1½-¼pr	3-1⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.6372-10.6797	10.6458-10.6607	par-1ds	par-1⅛ds
Tokyo	226.16-227.20	226.16-226.55	1¾-⅝pr	3-2⅝pr
Vienna	20.82-20.94	20.82-20.85	4⅞-3⅞pr	12⅜-10⅞pr
Zurich	2.4355-2.4452	2.4412-2.4452	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅞-4⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	9.5513-9.6432
Australia dollar	2.4704-2.4737
Bahrain dinar	0.6640-0.6680
Brazil cruzado*	151.998-152.819
Cyprus pound	0.7950-0.8050
Finland marka	7.2125-7.2525
Greece drachma	236.75-238.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.709-13.719
India rupee	22.95-23.15
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4830-0.4870
Malaysia dollar	4.5070-4.5114
Mexico peso	3920-4020
New Zealand dollar	2.6344-2.6400
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6050-6.6450
Singapore dollar	3.5442-3.5481
S Africa rand (fin)	5.0461-6.1682
S Africa rand (com)	3.5240-5.5332
U A E dirham	6.4675-6.5075

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5735-1.5750	Denmark	6.4600-6.4700	Italy	1246.0-1247.0
Singapore	2.0155-2.0165	W Germany	1.6920-1.6930	Belgium (Com)	35.32-35.36
Malaysia	2.5630-2.5640	Switzerland	1.3855-1.3865	Hong Kong	7.7960-7.7970
Australia	0.7115-0.7120	Netherlands	1.8996-1.9006	Portugal	138.40-138.90
Canada	1.2665-1.2675	France	5.7120-5.7150	Spain	113.75-113.90
Sweden	6.0500-6.0600	Japan	128.70-128.80	Austria	11.92-11.94
Norway	6.3950-6.4050				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9 Finance Hse 9

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8½ Low 7½ Week fixed: 8

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8²⁷⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 8⅝
Selling: 2 mth – 8²⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 8⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 8⅞-8¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8²⁹⁄₃₂-8²⁷⁄₃₂
6 mth 9-8⅞

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 9½ 3 mth: 9¹⁷⁄₃₂
6 mth 9⅝

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8⅞ close 9½
1 week: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜ 1 mth: 9⅞-9¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⅜
6 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⅞ 9 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜ 12 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆-9½

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅞ 7 day: 8¼ 1 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆
3 mth: 8⅞ 6 mth: 9 12 mth: 9¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9-8⅞ 2 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9⅛-8⅞
6 mth: 9⅜-9⅛ 9 mth: 9½-9¼ 12 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8⅞-8⅝ 3 mth: 9¹⁄₃₂-8³¹⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆
12 mth: 9½-9⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.90-6.85 3 mth: 7.00-6.95 6 mth: 7.15-7.10
12 mth: 7.60-7.55

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¾
Call: 6⅛-5⅞				
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3¼	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⅜-3¼
Call: 3½-2½				
French Franc:	7¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	8⅝-8⅜
Call: 7¼-6¾				
Swiss Franc:	⅝-⅜	⅝-⅜	1⁷⁄₁₆-1⁵⁄₁₆	2⅛-1⅞
Call: 1½-½				
Yen:	3⅝-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜	4⅛-4	4⅛-4
Call: 3⅜-2⅞				

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £495.5m	allotted: £100m
Bids: £97.825%	received: 84%
Last week: £97.300%	received: 100%
Avge rate: £8.6618%	last wk £8.2125%
Next week: £100m	replace £100m

APPOINTMENTS

Evode Group: **Mr David Winterbottom** becomes group managing director.

Granville Investment Management: **Mr John Davenport** is made a non-executive director.

Pipe Jacking Association: **Mr Noel Wrightson** is appointed chairman and **Mr Ron Atkin** vice-chairman.

Foreign Exchange and Currency Deposit Brokers' Association: **Mr PFA Nash** becomes chairman and **Mr JG O'Neill** deputy chairman.

British Institute of Management: **Mr Reginald Watts** is made chairman, public affairs committee.

Robson Rhodes: **Mr James Harman** joins the partnership.

Ward Interiors: **Mr Paul Stephenson** is appointed sales and marketing director.

Rank Cintel: **Mr David Fenton** becomes sales director, **Mr Jack Brittain** business development director, **Mr Ron Mumford** technical director and **Mr Alan Morris** works director.

Granard Rowland Communications: **Mrs Elizabeth Fraser** is appointed managing director, client services and **Mrs Jane Atkinson** managing director, business development. **Miss Lorna Campbell, Mr David Charlton, Mrs Judy Ditchburn, Mrs Joy Gilchrist, Mr Bill Jones, Mr Michael Mansfield** and **Miss Roberta Pearce** join the board.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.00%

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – **Interims:** Heiton Holdings. **Finals:** Consolidated Tern Investments, Domino Printing Sciences.

TOMORROW – **Interims:** Ashted Group, Marler Estates. **Finals:** Ericsson , Securicor Group, Security Services.

WEDNESDAY – **Interims:** Harvey and Thompson. **Finals:** Company of Designers, Egerton Trust.

THURSDAY – **Interims:** Amstrad, BOC Group, Elbief, Personal Computers. **Finals:** Kennedy Brookes, Goring Kerr, Scandinavian Bank Group, Tace.

FRIDAY – **Finals:** Anglo and Overseas Trust.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,836,000	A & M Gp	13	..	..●	..	48.1
19.2m	ASD	288	-5	12.3	4.6	12.7
8,359,000	ATA Selection	70	+5	2.2	3.1	28.9
21.6m	Abbeycrest	165	..	1.9	1.2	23.9
6,000,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	59	-2	1.6e	3.9	..
——	Access Satellite	..	..	4.4f	..	..
18.5m	Acorn Comp	28	-4	..	..	28.2
8,932,000	Acsis Group	65	..	..	..	..
12.7m	Airspring	210	-15	8.5	4.0	11.4
5,668,000	Ald Restaurants	58	..	..	..	..
29.8m	Amer Bus Sys	80	-8	2.2	2.8	35.4
——	Do Wrnts	45	..	..	..	..
10.4m	Ander	178	+2	4.1	2.3	18.8
44.2m	App Holographics	316	-22	..	..	..
——	Do Wrnts	305	-20	..	..	..
108.3m	Aran Energy	67	-2	..	..	..
30.0m	Ashtead	435	-5	4.1	0.9	38.8
36.5m	Aspen Comms	400	+27	5.5	1.4	24.8
147.4m	Asprey	278	-10	5.8	2.0	15.5
1,523,000	Assoc Energy	22	..	..	..	..
——	Atlantic Sec	78	..	..	..	..
18.5m	Atlas Equipment	230	+5	8.0	3.5	18.8
8,731,000	Automagic	118	..	8.5	7.5	18.0
4,499,000	BBB Design	55	..	2.1	3.8	8.8
11.7m	BCE	42	-2	1.4	3.3	16.9
4,271,000	BTS Grp	83	-2	5.8	7.0	15.7
10.8m	Beaverco	165	-10	6.9	4.2	13.1
5,463,000	Bedford (William)	115	..	6.4	5.6	13.8
8,159,000	Bensons Crisps	69	+2	..	..	18.0
6,900,000	Berry Birch & Noble	115	..	5.8	5.0	12.7
4,426,000	Bilston&Battersea	105	..	2.1	2.0	14.6
4,877,000	Bio Isolates	38	r +1	..	..	..
7,480,000	Biomechanics	22	r ..	..	..	..
5,018,000	Blanchards	73	-3	6.2	8.5	11.7
47.9m	Blenheim Exhib	465	●-5	5.5	1.2	38.7
24.8m	Bluebird Toys	330	..	6.3	1.9	19.6
9,526,000	Bonded Laminates	110	+5	3.3	3.0	..
4,452,000	Border TV	44	-2	2.0	4.5	11.3
51.2m	Borland	104	..	..	..	..
6,463,000	Brewmaker	36	●+1	..	..	78.6
4,625,000	Br Bloodstock	135	-7	12.1	9.0	9.8
16.2m	Br Island	90	+3	2.7	3.0	12.2
19.0m	Broad St	53	-6	2.8	4.8	21.4
44.0m	Brookmount	335	-20	6.1	1.8	18.0
3,857,000	Bryant (Derek)	151	-2	2.7	1.8	38.7
——	Bula Resources	5½	-½	..	..	..
20.5m	Burford	175	..	0.4	0.2	33.2
10.0m	CCA Galleries	102	..	3.8	3.7	14.1
29.7m	CCF	222	-6	3.4	1.5	..
19.9m	CML Micro	116	-2	..	..	..
14.5m	CPU Comp	90	-1	..	..	75.0
——	Caledonian Oil	165	..	..	..	..
6,790,000	Camotech	97	-1	2.8	2.9	26.8
8,832,000	Cap & Regional	73	..	0.1	0.1	55.7
161.0m	Carron Phoenix	145	+2	..	..	..
5,829,000	Castle Comm	177	+7	5.5	3.1	12.5
33.2m	Chancery Secs	190	..	5.5	2.8	20.6
15.8m	Chelsea Man	145	..	4.0	2.8	15.2
799,000	Chem Methods	23	-1	3.0	13.0	..
2,876,000	Cifer	19	-3	..●	..	12.9
16.0m	Citygrove	197	-8	3.4	1.7	20.9
14.1m	Cityvision	50	..	..	..	48.1
7,913,000	Circaprint	150	●+5	2.8	1.7	9.8
13.7m	Clarke Hooper	165	● ..	3.7	2.2	18.1
4,451,000	Clogau Gold	20	-2	..	..	..
47.8m	Cluff Oil Hldgs	103	r -5½	..	..	..
25.7m	Coated Electrodes	100	+25	5.5	5.5	11.7
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	67	..	..	..	..
3,778,000	Colorgen Inc	34	+1	..	..	..
16.8m	Colorgraphic	162	..	1.8	1.1	19.1
25.1m	Colourvision	188	● ..	2.3	1.2	25.9
11.7m	Co of Designers	110	..	..	..	..
7,558,000	Comp Financial	173	..	3.4	2.0	18.9
6,965,000	Compsoft	45	-1	..	..	7.5
21.1m	Cons Tern Invs	48	-2	..	..	32.2
10.4m	Conti Microwave	205	..	3.8	1.9	16.2
41.1m	Cook (DC)	170	●+4	3.9	2.3	..
18.1m	Corporate Prop	58	-5	0.4	0.7	..
8,085,000	Cowells	110	..	4.1	3.7	14.1
8,815,000	Cramphorn	305	..	4.8	1.8	20.3
6,000,000	Cranbrook	75	● ..	0.7	0.9	35.0
5,880,000	Cranswick	105	-15	7.6	7.2	10.2
5,389,000	Craton Lodge	93	●-3	3.4	3.7	13.0
7,884,000	Creighton Labs	215	-6	5.3	2.5	20.5
5,750,000	Crown TV Prods	61	+5	..	..	23.1
8,432,000	Davies (DY)	160	-15	5.5	3.4	12.6
9,798,000	Dean & Bowes	135	+4	4.8	3.6	22.4
2,800,000	De Brett (Andre)	35	..	..	..	37.2
14.1m	De Morgan	85	● ..	2.3	2.7	..
38.3m	Deblor	333	-5	6.2	1.9	21.3
3,682,000	Delmar	52	..	3.0	5.8	10.0
6,159,000	Denmans Elec	120	●-15	5.6	4.7	7.4
49.0m	Dewey Warren	94	-6	..	..	8.3
10.6m	Dialene	280	..	4.1	1.5	15.3
23.7m	Dolphin Packaging	123	+5	2.7	2.2	..
24.9m	Druck	398	-2	7.1	1.8	16.0
9,285,000	Dutton	31½	-1½	0.8	2.5	18.7
6,573,000	Eadie	61	..	4.9	8.0	13.4
5,256,000	Ealing Elect Optics	50	-8	3.0	6.0	6.4
——	Ecobric	25	..	..	..	..
14.1m	Econ Forestry	101	..	4.1	4.1	14.2
4,132,000	Edin Oil & Gas	31	-3	..●	..	77.5
28.4m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	344	●+9	10.6	3.1	14.1
15.3m	Electron House	140	+5	5.6	4.0	78.2
5,786,000	Entertainment Prod	18	-6	..	..	8.0
22.9m	Epwin	160	+1	5.5	3.4	..
12.6m	Eve Construction	135	+3	6.9	5.1	9.2
35.7m	*Explaura Hldgs*	31½	-2½	..	..	..
8,931,000	F & H Group	95	..	6.5	6.8	17.9
6,399,000	Fairway London	81	-2	..	..	..
6,841,000	Feedback	81	..	3.4	4.2	21.5
5,577,000	Fergebrook	22	+2	..●	..	1.8
198.0m	Fields (Mrs)	132	..	..	..	..
16.9m	Filofax	118	+3	3.7	3.1	..
116.9m	Firstland	68	-6	..	..	..
18.9m	Fletcher Dennys	35	+2	..	..	8.1
8,684,000	Flexitech	41	-1	..	..	7.2
34.9m	Flogas	200	..	5.0	2.5	11.5
15.3m	Floyd Oil	26	-4	..	..	10.7
28.2m	Ford Martin	87	-6	..	..	..
12.5m	Forward Gp	173	● ..	3.0	1.7	21.4
22.9m	French Conn	145	-2	7.2	5.0	12.5
58.4m	Fuller Smith 'A'	487	..	7.5	1.5	19.8
7,070,000	GC Flooring	75	-1	2.7	3.8	13.8
17.5m	Gabbicci	128	..	4.5	3.5	11.2
7,271,000	Gee (Cecil)	81	-2	1.4	1.7	..
4,720,000	Gibbon Lyons	118	●-2	5.7	4.8	14.6
11.8m	*Gibbs Mew*	271	..	5.5	2.8	19.0
2,720,000	Global Gp	68	..	4.1	6.0	9.0
6,085,000	Godwin Warren	125	-2	3.0	2.4	17.9
23.0m	Goodhead Print	183	-10	5.1	2.8	14.4
11.4m	Graham Motor Gp	108	-2	1.7	1.6	..
11.3m	Granyte Surface	81	-2	3.6	4.4	12.5
24.2m	Great Southern	250	+3	4.8	1.9	18.4
15.0m	Green (Ernest)	203	..	5.5	2.7	14.7
2,520,000	Greenwich Cable	38	+5	..	..	..
13.6m	Guidehouse	70	+10	..	..	..
15.1m	Halls Homes	145	+2	3.8	2.8	22.2
7,285,000	Hampden Homecare	73	-2	2.2	3.0	10.5
15.6m	Harmony Leisure	61	-2	0.1	0.2	..
8,325,000	Hatfield Estates	111	-1	2.1	1.9	..
38.1m	Hawthorn Leslie	25	●-2½	0.3	1.2	25.0
13.7m	Health Care	91	● ..	1.2	1.3	23.0
3,718,000	Heavitree	715	..	17.0	2.4	22.9
6,995,000	Do 'A' LV	660	..	17.0	2.6	21.2
5,702,000	Hewetson	95	-2	3.7	3.9	18.2
9,355,000	Hey & Croft	124	-5	5.3	4.3	9.1
28.5m	Highland Part	184	+16	..	..	..
4,672,000	Hilo Ergonom	43	..	2.7	6.3	10.2
18.7m	Hobson	49	-1	..	..	53.8
42.1m	Hodgson	239	-5	3.2	1.3	20.5
825.8m	Holmes Protection	113	-6	..	..	..
10.9m	Honeysuckle Gp	135	+2	5.6	4.1	12.9
11.3m	Hornby	141	+1	4.4	3.1	14.1
79.1m	Hughes Food	97½	-4½	0.7	0.7	37.5
8,097,000	Humbrad Elec	27	-1	..	..	..
6,351,000	Hunleigh Tech	75	+2	1.4	1.9	62.1
3,596,000	INSTEM	80	-2	3.4	4.3	6.7
——	Image Storage	78	..	..	..	..
5,340,000	Imsec	8	r -16	..	..	1.0
3,017,000	Infrared	46	-12	..	..	..
13.4m	Intereurope Tech	258	-2	8.8	3.4	11.1
78.0m	Interlink Express	480	+25	8.0	1.7	25.4
18.8m	Israel (Jack L)	22½	+1½	0.7	3.1	23.2
32.0m	Jaques Vert	350	..	8.6	2.7	16.6
2,080,000	Jebsens	13	..	..●	..	0.4
8,723,000	Johnson Fry	88	-5	3.4	3.9	10.7
13.7m	Johnstone's Paints	131	+11	6.5	5.0	10.5
9,713,000	JSB Elec	185	..	4.1	2.2	17.8
5,700,000	Just Rubber	76	-2	2.7	3.6	13.0
25.3m	Kenyon Secs	313	●-10	8.2	2.6	58.7
8,343,000	Kewill Systems	140	+5	2.1	1.5	17.6
8,132,000	Klark-Teknik	51	-1	1.8	3.5	11.4
8,858,000	Knobs & Knockers	108	-3	1.6	1.5	..
118.6m	Kunick	35	●-2	1.4	4.0	-
4,384,000	LPA Ind	67	● ..	4.1	6.1	9.9
10.2m	Laidlaw Thomson	150	..	6.0	4.0	15.0
17.0m	LBMS Plc	140	●-2	1.4	1.0	..
20.2m	Lewmar	85	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
89.9m	Local Lon Gp	475	-10	10.0	2.1	72.7
7,904,000	Lodge Care	115	..	5.5	4.8	19.9
9,348,000	Lon & Clydeside	103	● ..	7.8	7.6	10.6
10.0m	Lorin Elect	160	+5	4.8	3.0	11.7
9,401,000	Lysander Pet	37	+1	..●	..	..
5,796,000	M6 Cash & Carry	69	-2	4.9	7.1	7.3
12.0m	MMT Comp	118	s ..	1.5	1.3	17.3
8,501,000	McLaughlin & Har	210	+10	10.3	4.9	13.2
12.3m	Magnetic Materials	70	+2	4.0	5.7	9.3
6,607,000	Mainmet	178	..	2.1	1.2	31.0
14.2m	March Gp	120	-2	5.8	4.8	..
251.2m	Marcol Gp	90	+4	2.3	2.6	..
38.9m	Marina Dev	288	-20	..	..	..
18.2m	Martin (Ronald)	175	..	5.7	3.3	14.8
3,850,000	Maxiprint	35	r -3	..	..	..
14.7m	Mayborn	78	..	4.4	5.6	8.2
5,961,000	Memory Comp	24	+1½	232	..	14.4
3,754,000	Memcom Intl Hldgs	38	..	..	..	2.5
26.1m	Mercier-Swain	237	+10	4.7	2.0	20.4
18.0m	Merrydown Wine	380	+27	7.5	2.0	21.6
14.1m	Metal Bulletin	161	..	6.6	4.1	17.8
15.7m	Metsec	123	..	4.0	3.3	21.5
2,475,000	Michael (John)	30	..	..●	..	12.0
41.8m	Microsystems	300	-5	4.1	1.4	13.7
9,694,000	Microvitec	35	-3	1.7	4.9	13.0
27.0m	Miller & Santhouse	445	-10	3.2	0.7	51.1
9,849,000	*Millward Brown*	140	+12	4.1	2.9	11.3
4,193,000	Miss World	215	-2	8.9	4.1	10.7
25.5m	Mileys	260	-5	1.6	0.6	30.3
10.6m	Molinare Visions	39	..	..	..	22.3
21.0m	Monks & Crane	135	-5	4.4	3.3	12.8
39.2m	Monotype	213	+3	6.4	3.0	13.1
7,978,000	Moorgate	125	..	2.5	2.0	16.6
4,011,000	Morris (William)	12	..	..	..	4.8
11.7m	Mowat	38	+2	..	..	..
5,949,000	Mussetin	88	..	4.1	4.7	11.9
20.5m	New England Props	20	-2	..	..	80.9
285,000	Do 10%	£95	-5	1000	10.5	..
9,568,000	Newage Trans	85	+4	2.7	3.2	9.4
18.4m	Nimslo	15	-1	..	..	..
4,642,000	Norbain	57	..	1.0	1.6	..
22.5m	Nth Sea & Gen	42	-5	..	..	8.3
7,620,000	Northumbrian Fine	91	●-5	2.4	2.6	15.9
4,498,000	Oilfield Inspec	63	+10	..●	..	9.4
——	Optometrics	18	-1	..	..	..
15.1m	Orchid Tech	275	-80	..●	..	..
17.7m	Osborne & Little	265	+3	5.9	2.3	18.6
6,656,000	PCT	150	-3	4.9	3.3	21.8
30.0m	PML	70	+9	..	..	30.8
6,343,000	Pacer Systems	142	+4	..	..	..
19.7m	Pacific Sales	232	-5	1.2	0.5	..
51.5m	Padway	280	r +11	2.1b	0.8	33.9
5,728,000	Pathfinders	24	-1	..	..	..
7,393,000	Paxton	11	-1½	..●	..	6.9
——	Pegasus	293	..	..	..	..
61.8m	Pepe Group	263	-2	5.1	1.9	18.5
3,000,000	Pericom	40	-1	1.4	3.5	20.0
11.9m	Perkins (J)	83	+3	1.5	1.8	23.6
14.0m	Personal Computer	280	..	4.9	1.8	18.8
11.5m	Peters (Michael)	163	-7	4.1	2.5	16.2
1,641,000	Petrogen	14	-½	..	..	..
5,200,000	Piccadilly Radio	65	..	3.1	4.8	14.7
6,593,000	Pict Pet	65	+1	..	..	9.0
10.7m	Pineapple	71	-4	..	..	22.5
2,714,000	Plasmec	59	-1	3.3	5.6	7.4
2,531,000	Platon	62	-5	2.3	3.7	3.4
25.9m	Plum Hldgs	207	+2	4.1	2.0	28.3
10.0m	Polytech Marine	112	+19	..	..	..
3,354,000	Prism Leisure	95	●-3	2.0	2.1	8.4
5,475,000	Prontaprint	75	-2	1.4	1.9	24.4
19.5m	Property Trust	3¼	..	..	..	..
11.0m	Quarto	153	..	4.5	2.9	18.2
9,898,000	Quested	221	+1	6.8	3.1	13.5
20.8m	RKF	80	-4	3.0	3.8	11.4
14.2m	Rademac	95	-3	1.8	1.9	20.6
2,369,000	Radio City 'A'	109	..	..	..	21.3
5,429,000	Radio Clyde	94	●-3	5.8	6.2	9.2
24.3m	Radius	233	-2	4.5	1.9	24.8
4,211,000	Ramco Oil	25	..	..	..	6.1
7,836,000	Ramus	177	-1	8.9	5.0	9.7
86.0m	Randsworth	130	+3	1.3	1.0	35.1
6,073,000	Real Time Control	88	+4	2.7	3.1	15.0
9,883,000	Regina Health	59	+3	0.4	0.7	38.1
12.5m	Reliance Sec	122	●-11	6.2	5.1	11.2
2,159,000	Reliant Motor	39	+1	..	..	13.8
104.9m	Rivlin	109	-1	0.5	0.5	..
19.5m	Rockwood	78	+2	..	..	66.7
4,560,000	Rolfe & Nolan	176	+1	4.8	2.7	19.3
5,820,000	Rural Planning	91	..	..	..	-
32.5m	SAC	159	-13	4.8	3.0	16.1
8,250,000	SEP Indl	38	-8	..	..	..
6,516,000	Sanders Sydney	140	..	8.2	5.9	15.6
5,361,000	Sapphire Pet	25	-4	..	..	3.3
60.8m	Savage	210	-9	3.1	1.5	28.9
3,213,000	Scanro	104	-6	3.4	3.3	14.9
62.9m	Scot Heritable	159	+2	6.0	3.8	13.6
11.4m	Sec Archives	183	+23	3.3	1.8	..
14.4m	Select App	143	-10	3.4	2.4	20.1
2,744,000	SelecTV	20	..	..	..	..
30.7m	Shere Drug Strs	293	-32	4.1	1.4	24.9
25.8m	Sharp & Law	155	r ..	4.1	2.6	21.1
4,396,000	Sheldon Jones	85	+2	6.4	7.5	14.6
2,800,000	Shelton (Martin)	56	+2	2.4	4.3	..
10.7m	Sherwood Comp	215	-6	5.5	2.6	12.7
10.0m	Shield	85	-8	4.1	4.3	11.6
9,270,000	Shoralpian	103	+13	1.4	1.4	11.7
2,744,000	Shorto	112	-7	5.0	4.5	11.3
5,512,000	Sigmex	65	-5	1.5	2.3	6.0
55.5m	Sims Catering	428	+3	7.0	1.7	42.5
24.6m	Sinclair (William)	335	-10	7.8	2.3	19.7
14.3m	Smallbone	255	-5	7.1	2.8	19.4
5,500,000	Soundtracks	55	●-3	2.6	4.7	12.4
81.8m	Spear Bus	374	●	8.3	2.0	14.7
11.9m	SW Resources	23	-1			45.1
4,500,000	Space Planning	90		2.5	2.8	25.0
27.6m	Spandex	230	-10	1.6	0.6	21.6
7,888,000	Spectrum	42				5.7
14.3m	Spice	174	●+4	4.9	2.8	13.4
4,170,000	Splash	77		4.5	5.8	54.2
5,272,000	Stainless Metal	98	-14	6.2	6.3	7.2
6,656,000	Stanco Exhib	31	-2			
216.6m	Stanhope Props	195	-4			
14.6m	Sterling Pub	86	-2	3.0	3.5	16.3
12.3m	Sunleigh Elect	27	-3	0.6	2.2	18.6
12.7m	Sutherland	45	-4	1.0	2.2	29.8
2,730,000	Swindon Pr Hosp	195				22.6
11.2m	Synapse Comp	320	+3	4.4	1.4	16.8
4,970,000	TDS Circuits	71	-7	●		3.0
9,072,000	TMD Advert	169	●+5	3.3	2.0	16.6
21.3m	TSB Chan Islands	145	●-2	5.7	3.9	8.8
101.3m	TV-AM	154	-7	4.4	2.9	
13.7m	Task Force	183	-10	2.4	1.3	25.6
23.0m	Tay Homes	324	-4	8.5	2.6	8.2
8,473,000	Telecomputing	178		2.1	1.2	14.7
8,085,000	Thornton GW	140		5.1	3.6	11.9
3,616,000	Thorpac	40	●+1	1.6	4.0	18.1
7,920,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	110		4.6	4.2	17.0
21.2m	Titon	85		3.2	3.8	
2,649,000	Towngrade Sec	50				60.6
53.1m	Trencherwood	255	+5	4.5	1.5	30.1
5,549,000	Trevian Hldgs	60	-2			
22.7m	Triton	78		1.6	2.1	17.4
9,128,000	Tubular Exhib	20	-1			
2,698,000	Tudor	110		6.2	5.6	
12.7m	UCL Group	145				
——	URS Intl	54	-4			
26.4m	UTC Group	182	+6	4.1	2.3	29.8
84.5m	Utd Friendly	543	+13	31.4	5.8	
10.3m	Usher (Frank)	150		6.6	4.4	10.6
4,080,000	WSP Hldgs	68	+5			
5,338,000	Wayne Kerr	51	-4	2.3	4.5	16.2
6,824,000	Welpac	26	+1	0.5	1.9	17.7
2,309,000	Wentworth	53	+5	2.4	4.5	17.2
5,088,000	West Yorkshire	120	-10	6.2	5.2	11.3
10.4m	Whitney Mackay	233	●-5	3.8	1.6	29.9
9,474,000	Wilshaw Syst	19	-2	0.1	0.5	46.3
14.1m	Wilson (Rex) Hldgs	60	-4	1.0	1.7	51.7
11.3m	Wood John D & Co	147	-6	3.4	2.3	14.9
16.5m	Woolfons Better	165	+30	5.3	3.2	22.7
7,840,000	Wld of Leather	98	-6	4.3	4.4	9.9
11.7m	Wyevale	195	-15	1.0	0.5	
11.4m	Wyko	65	..	3.6	5.5	17.0
——	Xylyx	..	..	. f		
3,024,000	Yelverton	26	-2	..	.	23.2
9,798,000	York Mount	71	+3	2.7	3.8	18.5
37.1m	York Tst Gp	71	-6	2.0	2.8	55.5
12.8m	Zygal Dynamics	87	+2	1.4	1.6	12.5

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
394.6m	Alliance	783	-5	34.9	4.5	30.4
91.9m	Amer Trust	112	-2	4.5	4.0	24.1
224.1m	Ang.& O'seas	392½	-4½	11.0	2.8	..
97.4m	*Atlantic Assets*	41½	-1½	1.8	4.3	65.9
102.9m	Bankers	66½	●-1½	2.4b	3.6	41.0
83.5m	Berry	263	-3	1.4b	0.5	57.4
255.3m	Br Assets	66½	-1½	3.2	4.8	28.9
47.8m	Br Empire Sec	35	-1	0.8	2.2	30.8
280.1m	Br Inv	465	-7	24.1	5.2	22.9
65.2m	Brunner	102	..	3.8	3.7	35.5
62.0m	CDFC Tst	62	-1	..	..	..
——	Do 8⅝% Ln	£92½	..	..	..	..
144.8m	Cont & Ind	855	-5	54.8	6.4	20.0
93.6m	Crescent Japan	139	-1	0.6	0.4	..
17.7m	Derby Inc	150	● ..	14.9	9.9	16.4
24.2m	Do Cap	189	-12	..	..	..
147.2m	Drayton Cons	435	-2	16.4	3.8	35.8
37.4m	Drayton Far East	222	+1	2.1	0.9	..
229.6m	Drayton Japan	650	+27	1.4e	0.2	..
43.3m	Dundee Lon	258	-2	9.3	3.6	38.9
78.1m	Edin Amer Assets	98	-4	1.0	1.0	..
415.4m	Edinburgh	145	-2	5.4	3.7	39.3
66.0m	Electric Gen	73	●-1	1.6	2.2	..
40.3m	English Int	195	-5	6.2	3.2	44.8
77.4m	*English Scot*	97	-3	2.2	2.3	60.2
203.1m	Ensign	70	..	1.4	2.0	64.8
19.9m	F & C Eurotrust	168	..	2.6	1.5	80.8
120.0m	F & C Pacific	113	+1	1.4	1.2	..
57.0m	F &C Smaller	64	..	..	..	..
9,375,000	First Charlotte	12½	-½	0.1	0.8	..
120.6m	First Scot Amer	381	-1	17.1	4.5	30.7
70.7m	Fleming American	107	-1	2.1	2.0	77.0
44.2m	Fleming Claver	221	●-4	8.6	3.9	34.5
42.0m	Fleming Enterprise	105	-2	3.2	3.0	50.0
244.9m	Fleming Far East	162	..	1.1	0.7	..
21.4m	Fleming Fledgling	171	-4	3.6	2.1	65.5
145.9m	Fleming Japan	190	+5	0.3	0.2	..
234.1m	Fleming Mercantile	162	-3	5.1	3.1	43.4
196.6m	Fleming Overseas	148	●-1	3.1	2.1	70.5
60.7m	Fleming Tech	154	●-1	1.1	0.7	..
91.5m	Fleming Universal	132	-4	2.1	1.6	..
520.2m	For Col	99	-3	2.4	2.4	57.8
72.7m	GBC Capital	100	-5	..	..	..
86.7m	GT Japan	278	+7	1.9	0.7	..
75.4m	General Cons	404	+10	21.6	5.3	25.3
709.1m	*Globe (as)*	136	-6	5.8	4.3	30.3
94.8m	Govett Atlantic	117	● ..	4.1b	3.5	42.5
215.6m	Govett Oriental	240	-1	1.5b	0.7	..
207.1m	Govett Strategy	211	-1	5.5	2.6	39.6
24.9m	Greenfriar	309	-5	3.4	1.1	79.4
18.2m	Gresham House	425	..	7.5	1.8	34.4
104.6m	Hambros	196	+2	8.0	4.1	40.8
41.3m	Invest in Success	135	-3	2.0	1.5	..
197.2m	Inv Cap	319	-1	18.0	5.6	23.2
34.9m	Ivory & Sime	141	-2	7.9	5.6	18.0
42.6m	Japan Assets	69	●-2	0.1	0.1	..
89.9m	Kleinwort Charter	111	-1	4.0	3.6	36.1
89.0m	Kleinwort O'seas	111	-2	3.4	3.1	44.9
18.8m	Kleinwort Smaller	428	-4	13.0	3.0	45.0
58.5m	Law Debenture	258	..	11.0b	4.3	27.0
43.0m	*Lon Amer Ventures*	47	..	1.0e	2.1	..
159.7m	Lon Merchant Sec	100	●-1	3.8	3.8	20.2
141.1m	Merchants	138	-2	6.7	4.9	29.9
1,426.0m	Merrill Lynch	213½	+½	..	..	..
149.7m	Monks	193	-3	4.0	2.1	62.7
138.7m	Murray Income	170	●-3	9.3	5.5	27.6
181.8m	Murray Intl	155	-3	7.2	4.6	30.8
74.3m	Murray Small	134	-2	2.5b	1.9	71.7
51.0m	Murray Venture	245	-1	7.2	2.9	51.1
5,902,000	New Darien Oil	59	..	1.0	1.7	85.3
37.5m	Nwthrog Inc 83	96	●+2	6.6	6.9	19.3
55.9m	*New Tokyo*	134	-2	..●	..	..
2,660,000	Nth Sea Assets	20	r ..	..	..	5.9
112.0m	Nthn Amer	334	-3	7.4	2.2	68.1
58.1m	O'seas Inv Tst	311	+8	..	..	..
12.7m	Pacific Assets	106	-½	1.1	1.0	82.2
6,719,000	Personal Assets	45	-1	0.7	1.6	77.6
116.3m	Raeburn	435	●+7	22.6b	5.2	24.7
——	River & Merc	55	-3	..	..	..
——	Robeco	251	+1	—	..	..
——	Rolinco	229	+1	..	..	..
64.0m	Romney	294	+1	6.9	2.3	95.5
3,275.0m	Rorento	£16⅞	..	..	..	..
56.0m	St Andrew Inv Tst	163	-1	5.8	3.6	36.2
68.8m	Schroder Global	191	-2	6.0	3.1	43.9
358.8m	Scottish	117	s -237	3.4	2.9	51.3
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247.1m	Scot Eastern	117	-4	3.0	2.6	53.2
17.2m	Scot Merc 'A'	108	+12	6.9	6.4	21.7
349.8m	Scot Mtge	97	-1	2.9	3.0	49.2
135.1m	Second Alliance	704	-5	28.8	4.1	31.6
160.1m	Secs Tst of Scotlnd	100	-1	4.9b	4.9	32.5
37.7m	Smaller Cos	96	-2	1.4	1.5	64.4
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454.4m	TR Ind & Gen	105	-2	3.1	3.0	42.0
65.3m	TR Natural Res	55	-1	2.8	5.1	84.4
53.1m	TR North America	83	-1	2.7b	3.3	37.1
25.7m	TR Pacific	39½	+½	..	..	..
108.8m	TR Property	84	-2	2.0	2.4	51.5
250.5m	*TR Tech*	58	-2	1.4	2.4	49.2
194.2m	TR Trustees	109	-2½	3.1	2.8	44.0
117.9m	Temple Bar	206	-5	8.9	4.3	30.0
235.4m	Throgmorton	420	-1	14.5	3.5	34.6
10.6m	Throg Dual	305	-10	..	..	..
79.4m	Tribune	155	-5	4.6	3.0	38.5
20.4m	Triplevest Inc	85	..	19.0	22.4	6.5
39.5m	USDC Investment	108	-5	1.8	1.7	..
9,301,000	Value Inc Tst	49	-2	1.7	3.5	69.0
19.8m	Viking Resources	49	-3	2.7	5.5	30.4
102.9m	*Westpool*	91	● ..	2.3	2.5	43.1
362.1m	Witan	106	-2	3.0	2.8	51.0

THIRD MARKET

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,796,000	Abelscot	185	-10	4.8	2.6	15.4
6,359,000	Aber Am Pet	36	..	..	..	..
3,896,000	Allied Ins	117	-3	5.5	4.7	15.0
3,352,000	Amercoeur	30	-6	..	..	
1,361,000	Andaman Res	66	-5	..		..
——	Broadcast	180	-3	..	..	..
6,790,000	Camotech	97	-1	2.8	2.9	26.8
11.6m	Catalyst	68	+6	..	..	21.9
2,304,000	Chelsea Art	120	..	..	..	..
1,088,000	Chemex Intl	41	-2	..	..	..
1,021,000	Costec	69	+2	3.3	4.8	9.7
20.7m	Corton Bch	60	-2	0.6	1.0	18.2
43.2m	Crown Eyes	135	..	..	..	40.9
196,000	Eglinton	13½	-½	..	..	..
——	Do Wrnts	8	..	..	..	..
11.2m	Far E Res	112	+5	..	..	..
6,300,000	Gardner (J)	70	..	1.0	1.4	..
6,714,000	Honorbilt	27	-4	..	..	..
2,398,000	Kemp (PE)	53	-2	..	..	..
48.1m	Leading Lsr	94	+2	..	..	..
2,204,000	Lyra Tech	60	..	..	..	6.9
11.4m	Medirace	139	+39	..	..	..
2,303,000	Pub Hldgs	17	-3	..	..	9.8
4,669,000	Seacon	73	-3	..	..	..
0,453.0m	Swanyard	3¼	..	..	..	..
19.2m	Takare	220	..	..	..	..
6,969,000	Theme Hldgs	50	●-3	1.4	2.8	26.2
5,239,000	UPL	130	..	..	..	..
5,670,000	Unit Group	140	● ..	6.9	4.9	7.8

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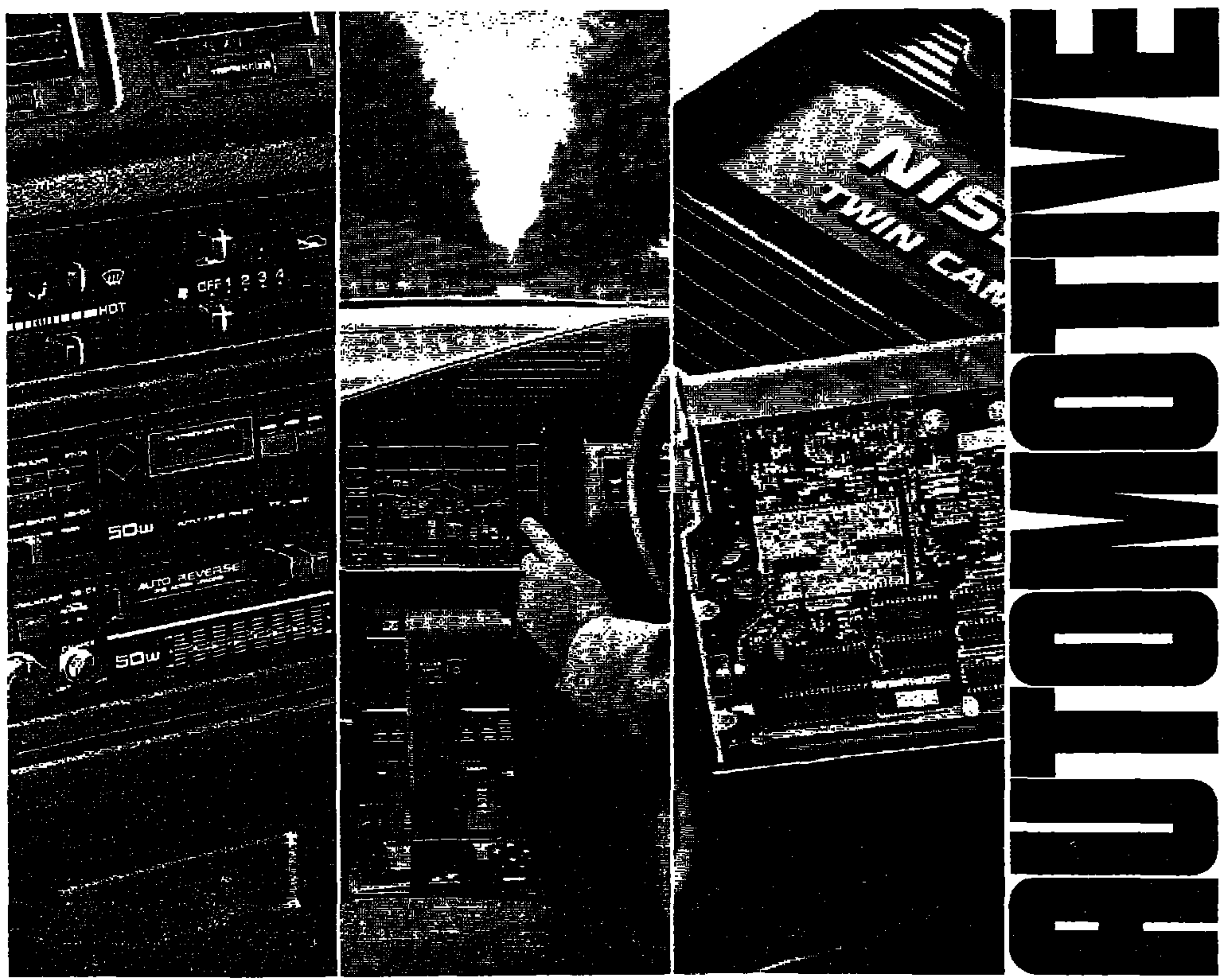

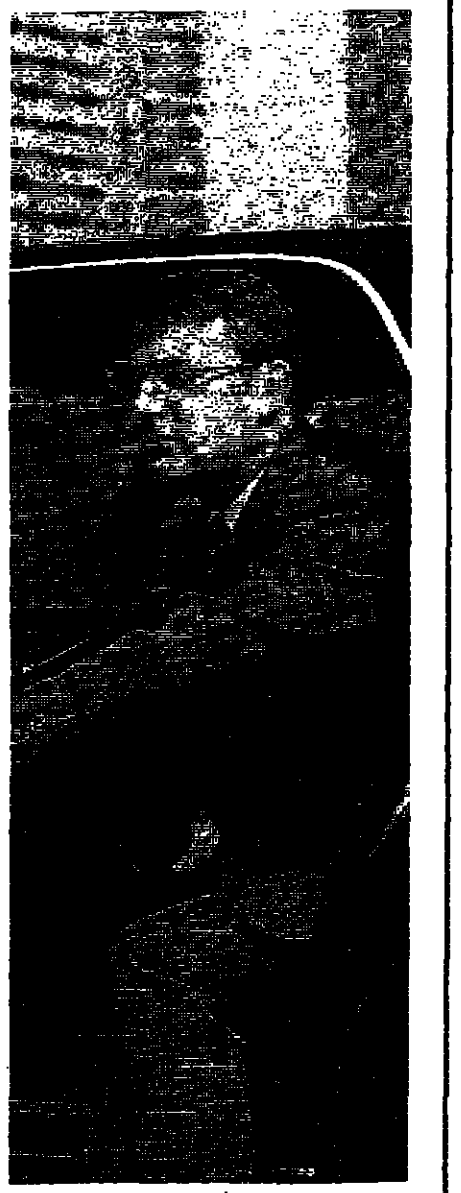

Automobiles should be more than safe, comfortable machines. They should also be able to communicate with the world around them.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Halma	Industrials E-K	
2	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
3	Accord	Newspapers,Pub	
4	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
5	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
6	Hampton Tst	Property	
7	YRM	Building,Roads	
8	TVS	Cinemas,TV	
9	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
10	Sharpe & Fisher	Building,Roads	
11	Antofagasta	Finance,Land	
12	Nestor-BNA	Industrials L-R	
13	Davies & Newman	Industrials A-D	
14	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
15	Scholes (GH)	Electricals	
16	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
17	Deutsche Bank	Banks,Discount	
18	Arenson	Industrials A-D	
19	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
20	Portsmouth Sund	Newspapers,Pub	
21	Caffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
22	Bunzl (aa)	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Appletree Hldgs	Foods	
24	Peachey	Property	
25	Carrs Milling	Foods	
26	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
27	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
28	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
29	Shaftsbury	Property	
30	RHP	Industrials L-R	
31	Perry Gp	Motors,Aircraft	
32	ML Hdgs	Industrials L-R	
33	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
34	Westbury	Building,Roads	
35	Clayform	Property	
36	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
37	Courts (Furn) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
38	Imry Int	Property	
39	Castle Comm	Leisure	
40	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
41	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
42	AIM	Industrials A-D	
43	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
44	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
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OVERSEAS TRADERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
15.0m	Boustead	40	-2	0.3	0.8	..
19.3m	Challenger	145	..	9.7	6.7	21.4
90.6m	Finlay (James)	95	+3	5.7	6.0	..
756.0m	Harrison Crosfield	575	+1	32.9	5.7	20.8
583.7m	Inchcape	676	+5	30.6	4.5	18.1
910.4m	Lonrho (aa)	241	-21	17.7	7.3	8.0
28.9m	Ocean Wilson	68	-2	3.4	5.0	10.5
75.7m	Paterson Zoch	310	-2	8.7	3.1	9.8
71.2m	Do 'A'	310	-2	9.7	3.1	9.8
530.1m	Polly Peck	291	s +2	9.0	3.1	6.9
310.7m	Sime Darby	54	-6	..	..	..
156.5m	Tozer Kemsley	79	-1	1.5	1.9	8.0

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SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
417.6m	Assoc Br Ports	478	-5	8.9	1.9	20.0
329.1m	Caledonia	340	-3	8.0	2.4	48.1
29.0m	Clarkson (H)	143	..	6.5	4.5	15.8
25.2m	Fisher (James)	106	+35	2.8	2.6	..
10.9m	Graig	685	..	20.6	3.0	18.3
15.8m	Jacobs (JI)	69	-1	5.5	8.0	..
6,083,000	Mersey Docks	303	-4	..	..	31.1
310.4m	Ocean Transport	269	+7	12.9	4.8	13.9
2,062.2m	P & O Dfd (aa)	539	-16	28.1	5.2	13.6
81.9m	P & O 5.5%	123	-2	7.5	6.1	..
22.8m	Runciman (Walter)	250	+7	8.9b	3.4	15.0
105.4m	Tiphook	339	+5	6.2	1.8	16.8
3,171,000	Turnbull Scott	595	+70	15.1	2.5	83.3

SHOES, LEATHER

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,654,000	Headlam Sims	65	..	0.7e	1.1	..
13.0m	Lambert Howarth	230	-5	10.3	4.5	9.5
56.8m	Pittard Garnar	257	-23	7.9	3.1	12.8
40.1m	Strong & Fisher	215	..	14.4	6.7	7.7
49.1m	Stylo	255	+15	6.9	2.7	45.0

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,435.0m	BAT (aa)	431	-8	21.0	4.9	10.2
33.1m	Carroll	138	● ..	..	..	..
1,189.3m	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	401	-14	11.2	2.8	11.1

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Time was, and in more settled and traditional towns and villages still is, that anyone buying or selling a house went to the local estate agents. The high street office would be decorous and discreet; the principal of the firm would probably be a member of the local Rotary or Round Table with a recognized niche in the community.

But the picture today is changing to one where the property boom offers greater opportunities for young entrants than ever before, and competition is intense.

Working as an estate agent has immense appeal for the young person who wants to be in a business dealing, directly with people, has an entrepreneurial streak and is determined to be out and about. It is still a field where the less academic school leaver can make his or her mark if they possess the appropriate qualities.

However, both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers ask for *minimum* educational requirements from students who intend to take their examinations. The other recognized association, the National Association of Estate Agents, accepts as associate a member with three years' experience working as a negotiator, along with references and passing an interview.

Negotiator is the term normally used for the sales person at a firm of estate agents. If the person is not a qualified surveyor or valuer he or she is less likely to be involved in property management, for instance of blocks of flats, and a negotiator's earnings are often based on commission as well as salary.

All three recognized organizations offer the public the knowledge that member firms subscribe to a code of conduct and house purchase deposits are protected. But as a professionally qualified estate agent put it ruefully, "any Tom, Dick or Harry can set up as an estate agent."

There is talk within the profession that perhaps there should be recognition that a split is developing between the qualified surveyors and valuers and the firms which just concentrate on selling houses and flats. Certainly in the last few years estate agents have faced their own versions of Big Bang and merger mania.

With major financial institutions taking over sales outlets, the selling of residential property has developed into a far more marketing-oriented activity with an emphasis on presentation.

Leading players include names like the Prudential, Lloyd's Bank's Black Horse Agencies, TSB, Hogg Robinson, Abaco, Hambro, Nationwide and General Accident.

Many of the independent firms taken over by the conglomerates only sold their residential property divisions, retaining the professional practice sections and *continuing surveying* and valuing activities separately under the original name.

Young people to whom the field appeals have a choice of three ways forward. They can join a traditional independent partnership where they will be encouraged to take the RICS or ISVA *examinations, studying while they work.* They can join, especially in London and the South-east, the highly competitive and less conventional independent firms — property shops which offer high commission earnings and the prospect of going it alone later, once the young negotiator has acquired experience and expertise.

They can work with the major estate agency chains now formed by major banks, insurance companies and building societies. These will offer thorough training and a more structured and *corporate-style career.*

It is estimated that throughout the UK there are 15,000 estate agents' offices with, *perhaps,* 45,000 *individuals* selling residential property. The National Association of Estate Agents has 5,000 members, 98 per cent of them dealing with residential property. "Commercial property is dominated by the professional associations," said Trevor Kent, NAEA vice president. Estate agency work is still a field school leavers can enter without too much difficulty. At the start, though, they would be expected *to tackle menial* jobs — "sticking, stamping and stapling" — before they were taken out on calls by senior colleagues. The progression is usually office junior, junior negotiator, senior negotiator and manager. Initially the job can mean long hours and not a lot of money, *but if the new entrant* has and can develop sales skills, the sky can be the limit.

Estate agents, says Mr Kent, don't just look younger these days, they are younger and have to be prepared to work long hours. Firms now open from 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week. Rates of pay vary wildly. In fashionable districts of London, dealing with higher-priced *properties, youngsters in their 20s* can earn £25,000 to £30,000 a year.

Estate agency work, in his view, is not *a business for the stick-in-the-mud or the* sedate. Youngsters need natural salesmanship, an entrepreneurial streak, a "bit of go", initiative, and, in Mr Kent's experience, "patience and self-control" to deal with the vagaries of the home-buying public. He adds that there is "perfectly good money to be made" in the North of England. Prices may be lower but firms will probably sell two homes a day rather than two a week.

He does not consider RICS or ISVA qualifications essential for the ambitious youngster who wants to make a good living selling residential property. "RICS and ISVA graduates think because they can pass exams and recognize woodboring beetle and tile nail disintegration they can walk into a job selling houses at £20,000 a year. They can't. Firms will hire qualified surveyors and valuers far *cheaper than a good salesman* or saleswoman with a proven track record."

David Walker, senior marketing manger *for* Lloyds Bank's Black Horse Agencies, recognizes a North/South divide in the estate agency scene. "In the North," he says, "sole agency practice is more common. You get the *traditional* trainee studying for the RICS and ISVA examinations coming up through the ranks. In the South you find more negotiators under 30 who are not chartered surveyors."

Pamela Duxbury, deputy secretary *of the RICS General* Practice Division, estimates that between 6,000 and 7,000 chartered surveyors work in residential estate agencies. Minimum education standard is two A-levels.

Professional examinations can be taken by day-release study, correspondence course or full-time degree course. GCSE passes must include English and mathematics and A-level maths is needed for land and hydrographic surveying. The ISVA asks for a minimum of five GCSE passes, to *include English and maths.*

The National Association of Estate Agents does not stipulate educational levels for entry. A young estate agent can become an associate member after three years experience at negotiator level and a fellow when over 30 and with 10 years experience.

● **The Royal Institution of chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, London, SW1P 3AD. The Incorporated Society of Valuers & Auctioneers, 3 Cadogan Gate, London SW1Z 0AS. National Association of Estate Agents, Arbon House, 21 Jury Street, Warwick CV34 4EH.**

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Required for September 1988 -

Resident Housemistress

with some teaching duties, for boarding house of 52 girls aged 8-13. Present Housemistress *retiring* after 15 years - what better recommendation? Splendid opportunity for a caring, lively person with constructive ideas, good health and a sense of humour. Must be good at organising and enjoy working with children. Good accommodation in modern purpose-built boarding house, within walking distance of town.

Please apply in writing with teaching subjects offered, C.V. and the names and addresses of two referees to the Headmistress, Weirfield School, Taunton, Somerset TA1 (Tel: 0823 272502)

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Northamptonshire

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Required for September 1988, a teacher of *Economics* to join a lively and successful department and teach the subject throughout the Sixth Form. A willingness to help in the wider aspects of a Boarding School will be required.

Accommodation for a single or married person is available.

Applications, including the names of two referees, should be sent to: The Headmaster, Oundle School, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4EN from whom further particulars are available.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Calne, Wiltshire.

HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY

Required for September 1988, a well-qualified graduate, experienced in the teaching of G.C.S.E., 'A' level and Oxbridge entrance. Willingness to participate in the extra-curricular life of a boarding school is essential. Salary will be according to Baker Main Scale.

Please apply in writing with curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees to: The Headmistress, St. Mary's School, Calne, Wiltshire SN11 0DF.

JAMES ALLEN'S GIRLS SCHOOL

East Dulwich Grove,
London SE22 8TE
GSE - 840 girls

Required for September 1988 (or earlier if possible) a graduate to be Head of Careers either on a part-time basis or preferably full-time combined with teaching an academic subject.

Salary - JAGS Scale (Baker plus, with Inner London Allowance) according to experience.

Please apply to the Headmistress, enclosing a CV and names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees by 29th February 1988.

MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL

285 boys, all boarders.

Required for September 1988, a Modern Linguist to teach French and Spanish to G.C.S.E., with the likelihood of some Sixth Form work.

Own Salary Scale (Baker plus). Single accommodation available.

Apply in writing with full c.v. including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees, to The Headmaster, Milton Abbey School, Blandford, Dorset, DT11 0BZ.

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL
Kent
SEPTEMBER 1988

Applications are invited for September 1988 from appropriately qualified candidates for the following posts

ART - POTTER-in-RESIDENCE

to teach ceramics to pupils from 13 to 18. The post will offer *the opportunity to use the School pottery for the pursuit of* the candidate's own professional work. Particular attention will be given to candidates with experience of theatre design and set building, and an interest in three-dimensional work.

BUSINESS STUDIES/ECONOMICS

to teach Business Studies and some Economics to A Level in a large department. It is hoped to appoint a candidate with business as well as teaching experience in order to further the School's extensive industrial and business links.

CRICKET

to be responsible for the direction of every aspect of the programme of a major cricketing School. Preference will be given to candidates with an appropriate cricket record and offering one of English, History or Business Studies/Economics as their teaching subject.

Tonbridge School is an independent HMC boarding/day *school for 650 boys from 13 - 18. In all these posts,* ability to contribute to other extra-curricular activities and boarding school life will be an added recommendation.

Salary on the Tonbridge Scale with the possibility of accommodation for married or unmarried applicants.

Applications with a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees as soon as possible to The Headmaster, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1JP

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL
GUILDFORD

APPOINTMENT OF BURSAR

Applications are invited for the post of Bursar of this independent school for 800 day boys with a preparatory department of 300. The present Bursar will be retiring in December 1988; his successor will be expected to take post in July or August.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Clerk to the Governors, Royal Grammar School, High Street, Guildford GU1 3BB, to whom applications in the form of a curriculum vitae supported by details of three referees should be submitted by 29th February.

CLIFTON COLLEGE

BRISTOL

Head of Physics

HEAD OF PHYSICS required for September 1988 following the promotion of Mr T B Akrill to Head of Science.
Experience of GCSE courses and an interest in project work are essential: friendliness towards computers and electronic devices is expected.
Clifton was a pioneer in science teaching (and more recently) in Nuffield courses. Its world-famous Science School contains a library of six-thousand volumes.
Salary: Clifton scale with additional departmental allowance. Accommodation available.
Applications, including the names of two referees, should be sent to the Headmaster, Clifton College, Bristol BS8 3JH from whom further details may be obtained.

TREVELYAN COLLEGE
University of Durham

BURSAR

Applications are invited for the post of College Bursar from 22 August 1988. Applicants will be expected to have experience of financial and staff management. Fund raising and the promotion of the College conference trade forms a major part of the duties.

Further particulars from:

The Principal
Trevelyan College
Elvet Hill Road, Durham DH1 3LN

Applications close on 26 February 1988.

QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S SCHOOL

Harrogate North Yorkshire
A School of the Woodard Corporation
Founded 1912

HEAD

The Northern Chapter of the Woodard Corporation invites applications from well-experienced graduates who are practising communicants of the Church of England for the above post *from* September 1988 or January 1989. Joint applications will be considered.

The School is an independent boarding school for girls aged *8 - 18,* and occupies purpose-built premises on a commanding site at Harrogate. There are presently 200 pupils in the School.

Full details of the School and form of application are available from the under-signed to whom completed applications should be forwarded before 25th February 1988.

Queen Ethelburga's School R H INGLE
Harrogate Secretary and Registrar
HG3 2SG Tel. (0423) 503548

WELLINGTON COLLEGE

The Governors of Wellington College,
Berkshire,
invite applications from suitably
qualified men or women
for the post of

MASTER

which will become vacant in
September 1989 on the retirement of
Dr. D. H. Newsome, M.A., Litt.D.
Full details may be obtained from:-
Mr. C. L. R. Ingram,
Clerk to the Governors
Messrs Lawrence Graham
190 Strand, London WC2R 1JN

Applications must be received by 18th March 1988

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HMC Fully co-educational 570 pupils. 190 in Sixth Form. Well qualified teachers required for September, 1988 to join expanding department:
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Full details from

Head Master
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(0830) 81 2446

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HEAD

The Warden and Fellows of New College invite applications for the post of Head of New College School to succeed Alan Butterworth on his *retirement in December 1988.*

The School was founded, together with the College, in 1379 to educate the choristers who sing in New College Chapel. Non-choristers have been admitted for many years and present numbers are 20 choristers and 120 non-choristers. Boarding facilities are provided for choristers who do not live near enough to be day boys. The Head is a member of the IAPS, the NAHT and the Choir Schools Association.

For particulars please write to: The Warden, New College, Oxford, OX1 3BN.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 4 March 1988.

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HIGHGATE SCHOOL
HEADSHIP

The Headship of this school will become vacant at the end of August 1989. Applicants should be between the ages of 30 and 50 and must be University Graduates. Particulars of the post and forms of application may be obtained from the undersigned and the completed application form should be returned to him not later than Friday 18th March 1988.

John M.A. Talbot, Clerk to the Governors,
Messrs. Bower Cotton & Bower,
36 Whitefriars Street,
London EC4Y 8BH.

STAFFORD INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Burton Manor,
Stafford ST18 9AT
(Co-educational, 11 - 18, expanding to 240 in September).

Required for September:

Teacher of Chemistry
Teacher of Biology
Teacher of Economics

to 'A' Level. The successful candidate will initially teach his/her second subject to GCSE level.

An ability to help with games an advantage. A responsibility allowance will be available for suitably *experienced candidates.*

Apply to the Headmaster with a full CV and the names and addresses and telephone numbers of two referees.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL Leatherhead

450 Boys Day & Boarding HMC 150 in Sixth Form which will include girls from 1989

Graduate to teach BIOLOGY throughout the school is required for September 1988. Single accomodation may be available. St John's has its own salary scale. Help with games and other extra curricular activities is expected.

Applications with c.v. and two names of referees should be sent to: The Headmaster, St John's School, Epsom Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8SP

ST. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL
Darley Dale, Matlock

Church of England Boarding and Day School for Girls, GSA (In Association with the Woodard Corporation)

Required April 1988 graduate teacher with responsibility for COMPUTING. The previous holder of this post worked for only 2 days each week. However, the post could become full-time, as we are seeking to extend the work in computing and in other areas. Suitably qualified applicants interested in joining a lively, committed boarding school staff should write to the Headmaster with full details of their academic background, teaching experience and interests. Those wanting only part-time post need not be discouraged from applying.

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ELMSLIE GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Independent Church of England School
Required in September 1988,

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain will be a full-time member of staff required to teach a full timetable including Church Teaching in both Junior & Senior Schools. Religious Studies to university entrance level & another subject, preferably Latin. Applications (no forms) giving C.V. together with names & addresses of two referees, should be made as soon as possible to the Head Mistress.
ELMSLIE GIRLS' SCHOOL,
Whitegate Drive, Blackpool FY3 9HC.

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PREP & PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CANFORD SCHOOL WIMBORNE, DORSET

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Applications are invited for the post of Director of Music at Canford School in September 1988.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Headmaster to whom applications should be sent by 15th February, 1988.

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Applications, with full curriculum vitae and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees, should be addressed to the Principal, Moreton Hall, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3EW. Full details of the posts and the school will be sent to all applicants and enquirers.

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Salary on new scale, according to experience, together with other benefits.

Letter of application to the *Head* Master, with full Curriculum Vitae and names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees. Further particulars will be sent to all applicants.

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Requires Graduate to teach:

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Further details, available from the Headmaster. Applications together with c.v. and names and addresses of two referees. Further particulars will be sent to all applicants.

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Springfield Road,
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01 647 4607

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REQUIRED FOR SEPTEMBER 1988

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For full details please apply to the Head Master at the above address.

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HMC - 600 Boys

A newly-qualified or experienced GRADUATE in ECONOMICS is *required* for September to teach at Sixth Form level. The ability to offer another subject, preferably junior History, would be an advantage.

There is every opportunity to be involved in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Accommodation may be available. Full details from and applications to The Head Master, Norwich School, The Close, Norwich NR1 4DQ with *Curriculum* Vitae and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees.

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Northease Manor School, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3EY (Tel: 0273 472915). *Phone the Headmaster for details.*

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Tel: 01-485 1958

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3 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SS

Required for September 1988 a good honours graduate to share in the teaching of Latin and Greek throughout the school. Salary according to *Baker scales.*

Letters of application should be sent to the Headmistress, together with a full curriculum vitae and the names addresses and telephone numbers of two referees.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY

(University of London)

SECRETARY TO THE INSTITUTE

Applications are invited for the post of Secretary to the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London WC1. *The Institute is a Member of the British* Postgraduate Medical Federation of the University of London and with its sister hospital, The National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases, provides the leading centre for postgraduate training and research into neurology and allied clinical and basic neuro-science in the *United* Kingdom.

The Secretary works in close association with the Dean of the Institute and is supported by a Finance Officer, Registrar, and other secretarial and administrative staff. The Secretary is responsible for the day to day administration of the Institute in all matters relating to personnel, finance, safety, the management of buildings and plant and the servicing of the main committees. Applicants should have substantial *experience of finance and administration, preferably in the field of higher education,* and a high level of general organisational and management skills are essential.

Salary within the range of £21,000 to £24,000. Applications should be addressed to: The Dean, Institute of Neurology, The National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG, to arrive no later than 4 March 1988, from whom further particulars are available.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Librarian of the Faculty of Architecture and History of Art

The Faculty of Architecture and History of Art wishes to appoint to the office of Faculty Librarian a scholar with an enthusiasm for running and developing with the help of the assistant staff its important Library of over 22,000 volumes and 360 periodicals. The Librarian will also be expected to play a full part in the life of the Faculty and to undertake some graduate and undergraduate teaching within it.

Applicants should have a wide knowledge of past and current bibliography of both Architecture and History of Art, and it would be advantageous to possess one or more of: a good Honours degree, experience in an academic library, professional qualifications in librarianship.

The appointment will be for three years, with the possibility of re-appointment to the retiring age.

The pensionable scale of stipends for the Librarian, not ordinarily resident *in* College, is *£11,460* a year, rising by six annual increments to £14,825. Stipends are expected to be increased by 7 per cent. From 1 March 1988.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. A. Soutter, Secretary *of the Appointments Committee* for Faculty and Departmental Librarians, General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT, to whom applications (eleven copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names of not more than three referees, *should be sent, so as to reach him not later than 26* February 1988.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

ASSISTANT LECTURER IN THE FACULTY OF LAW

Assistant Lecturer to take up appointment on 1 October 1988 or such earlier date as may be agreed.

Further information may be obtained from the **Secretary of the Appointments Committee for the Faculty of Law, Old Syndics Building, Mill Lane, Cambridge CB2 1RX,** to whom applications (one copy), including *a curriculum vitae* and the names of two referees, should be sent so as to reach him not later than 27 February 1988.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL

Chair in Economic History

Applications are invited for a new Chair in Economic History from 1 October 1988.

The appointment will be held in the Department of Economic & Social History, a constituent element of the School of Economic & European Studies. The *Department has a large under-graduate entry and* strong teaching links with other subjects, particularly Economics. The preferred field of interest lies broadly in the economic history of twentieth century Europe. Applications will also be welcomed from scholars presently working in a cognate social science, where the principal focus of research interest is on aspects *of economic-historical development of Europe* in this century.

Salary will be within the professional range.

Applications (12 copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names of three referees, should be sent by 26 February 1988 to the Registrar and Secretary (Personnel Office), University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Tel: 0482 465263.

UNIVERSITY OF READING

Department of French Studies

Applications are invited for a post of Lecturer. Candidates' main interest should be in language teaching and its methodology and the *non-literary uses of French,* including Management. An ability to teach modern French Literature and/or history, politics and institutions an advantage. The appointment is from 1 October 1988 and will be for a probationary period of 3 years. Salary scale £9260 - £14500 p.a. (Grade A) or £15105 - £19310 p.a. (Grade B) plus USS/USDPS benefits. Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) are available from the Personnel Officer, University of Reading, Whiteknights, PO Box 217, Reading RG6 2AH, telephone (0734) 875123 ext. 220. Please quote Ref. AC. 885. Closing date 11 March 1988.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

CAREERS & APPOINTMENTS OFFICER

Applications are invited for the above post, tenable from 1st August 1988. The vacancy is in the Careers & Appointments Service which provides careers guidance, including assistance in obtaining employment or further study, to all students of the University.

The person appointed will be graduate preferably aged 27-35 years with a record of successful experience in industry, commerce or public service. Relevant qualifications and/or work experience would be an asset but of overiding importance will be the candidates interest in providing careers guidance to students. Training will be provided. Initially the successful applicant would be responsible for students drawn from the Faculties of Arts & Social & Environmental Studies.

Initial salary will be on Grade 2 of the scale for Senior Administrative Staff -£12,150 - £15,720 per annum.

Applications, together with the names of three referees, should be received not later than 29 February 1988, by The Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX, from whom further particulars may be obtained.
Quote ref. RV/729

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University of Strathclyde

DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

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Salary: *Lecturer Scales: £9,260 - £19,310 per* annum.

Application forms and further particulars (Quote Ref: 11/88) are available from Staff Office, University of Strathclyde, 16 Richmond Street, *Glasgow G1 1XQ. Closing* date for Applications: 19 February 1988.

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

WARWICK BUSINESS SCHOOL

LECTURESHIP IN OPERATIONAL RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

The continued expansion of the Warwick Business School has led to an additional permanent lectureship in the Operational Research and Systems Group. The Group is responsible for the MSc Management Science and Operational Research and MSc Business Management Systems and teaches operational research, quantitative methods and computer *information systems on the School's undergraduate,* MBA and post experience programmes.

The successful candidate will contribute to the teaching of quantitative methods to business students, to the *specialist teaching of operational research and* systems, and will undertake research in a broad field of Operational Research and Systems.

We welcome applications from both men and women, *members of ethnic minorities and people with* disabilities.

The salary will be on either the *lectureship* scale Grade A: £9260 - £14500 or Grade B: £15105 - £19310 pa *according to qualifications and experience*

Further particulars and application forms from the Registrar, *University of Warwick,* Coventry CV4 7AL (0203 523627) quoting Ref. 25/2A/87/J (please mark *clearly on envelope). Closing date 29 February 1988.*

Informal enquiries about the post may be made to Professor Robert Dyson (0203 523775) or Professor Rolfe Tomlinson (0203 523523 Ext 2449)

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Applications are invited for an Official Fellowship and *Praelectorship in Physics* with effect from 1 October 1988 or a later date to be arranged. The appointment will be made by the College in conjunction with the Board of Faculty of Physical *Sciences and the title of University Lecturer* will be conferred upon the successful candidate.

In addition to the teaching and other duties of the Praelectorship, the successful candidate will be expected to carry out normal duties of a University Lecturer in the Department of Nuclear Physics. The full stipend associated with a University Lecturership and Official Fellowship & Praelectorship will be paid by the College until such time as the holder of the title may be appointed to a stipendiary University Lecturership.

The research programme of the Nuclear Physics Department includes preparation for experiments with the DELPHI detector at *LEP (CERN) and ZEUS detector at HERA (DESY),* the measurement of neutrino mass, the search for proton decay and the development of solar neutrino and cryogenic detectors.

Further particulars of the appointment and of the departmental research programme may be obtained from the **College Secretary, The Queen's College, Oxford, OX1 4AW** to whom 9 copies of applications (one only from overseas candidates) should be sent not later than March 10, 1988. These should include a curriculum vitae, list of publications, and a statement of research interests and teaching experience. Candidates are asked to arrange for three references to be sent direct to the College Secretary by the above date.

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Chair of Zoology

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Annual salary (superannuable) will be within the professional range and not less than HK$417,240 (approximately £30,020; sterling equivalent as at January 26, 1988). At current rates, salaries tax will not exceed 16½% of gross income. Housing at a charge of 7½% of salary, children's education allowance, leave and medical benefits are provided.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (APPts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Appointments Unit, Registry, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

Closes 31 March 1988.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL THE LAW SCHOOL

LECTURESHIPS

Applications are *invited* for TWO PERMANENT LECTURESHIPS and TWO TEMPORARY LECTURESHIPS (initially for a period of two years) available from 1 October 1988. The primary teaching duties of the appointees will be to assist the teams teaching COMMON LAW, PUBLIC LAW, and PROPERTY LAW to LL.B students and applicants must be able to offer one of these areas. Preference will be given to candidates who can, in addition, offer one or more of the following:- REVENUE LAW, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW, WELFARE LAW or THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

Initial salary will be on the Lecturer scale: £9,260-£14,500 pa or £15,105 - £19,310 pa according to qualifications and experience. *It is expected that for the temporary posts salary will not exceed* £11,680 p.a.

Candidates who wish to be considered for the permanent posts only should indicate this clearly on their applications.

Applications (6 copies), giving details of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names of three referees, should be sent by 22 February 1988 to the Senior Personnel Officer, University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX from whom further particulars may be obtained. (Tel: 0482 465277).

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Salary: Negotiable - In keeping with seniority of appointment.

Application forms and further particulars (Quote Ref: 10/88) are available from Staff Office, University of Strathclyde, 16 Richmond Street, Glasgow G1 1XQ. Closing date for Applications: 1 March 1988.

University of London

CHAIR OF MATHEMATICS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Senate *invite applications* for the above Chair.

Applications would be particularly welcomed from candidates with interests or experience in the non-linear mathematics (such as the interface between functional analysis and measure theory or probability), game theory, dynamic systems and group theory and cryptography.

Applications (10 copies) should be submitted to the Teachers' Section (T), *University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU,* from whom further particulars should first be obtained.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 4 March 1988.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Academic Secretary

Following the appointment of the present Academic Secretary to the post of Registrar and Secretary at the University of Birmingham, with effect from 1st April, 1988, applications are now invited for the vacancy.

Candidates should have appropriate experience of administration and government in a University. The salary will be within Grade VI for Academic-Related Staff (a minimum of £23,380 per annum from 1st March 1988) and will be determined according to the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Applications are to be received not later than 25th February, 1988, and should be addressed to Mr. R.A. Nind, Registrar (Ac.S.), The University, P.O. Box 147, *Liverpool, L69 3BX,* from whom further particulars may be obtained.

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University of Bristol

Chair in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies

The University proposes to appoint a Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies from 1st January 1989 or such later date as may be mutually agreed. Suitably qualified applicants are invited to submit applications by 29th February, 1988. Further particulars of the appoint*ment may be obtained from* the Registrar and Secretary, University of Bristol, Senate *House, Bristol BS8 1TH.*

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Applications are invited for the following posts:

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Salaries on the Lecturer A scale £9,260 - £14,500 with USS.

Applications (3 copies), quoting reference and naming three referees, should be sent by 5 March 1988 to the Registrar, *Science Laboratories,* South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, from whom further details can be obtained.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA

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Applications are invited for the vacancy of Fixed Term Lecturer in Special Education in the Department of Education. Applicants should possess a good honours degree, a higher degree and they should also be trained teachers with recent experience in working with pupils with special educational needs.

The appointment, which will be for five years from September 1, 1988, will be on the Grade B scale £15105 - £19310 per annum, *together with USS/USDPS benefits.*

Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) *may be obtained from the* Personnel Office, University College of Swansea, *Singleton park,* Swansea, SA2 8PP, to which office they should be returned by **Friday, March 4, 1988.**

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The Vice-Chancellor

The University has established a Committee to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor in succession to Lord Flowers, who will be retiring on 31 August 1989.

The Vice-Chancellor, the academic and administrative head of the University, is normally appointed for a period of four years and is eligible for reappointment for one further period not exceeding four years.

The Committee invites persons wishing to suggest any names for consideration, or interested in being considered for the post, to write in confidence by 29 February 1988 to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr Peter Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES University of London

LECTURESHIP IN SANSKRIT

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Sanskrit, in the Department of Indology and of the Modern Languages and Literatures of South Asia. Applicants should have a good degree in Sanskrit and preferably some teaching experience. The duties of the successful applicant will include the teaching of an elementary Sanskrit class within the School's course unit system.

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Further particulars and application forms are available from The Secretary, School of Oriental and African Studies, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HP to whom applications should be submitted by 25 March

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CHRIST CHURCH Oxford COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY

The College proposes to appoint a Chaplain who must be an Anglican in priest orders to take office on 1 October 1988. *Candidates should obtain further particulars and a* form of application by writing to the Dean's Secretary, Christ Church, Oxford, OX1 1DP. The final date for applications is 11 March 1988.

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Communication Skills
Engineering & Construction Drawing
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Horticulture
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In addition, applicants should have experience as an instructor, or technical teacher in a college of further education or a technical centre; and should be skilled at developing schemes of work from curricula and implementing fully integrated trades training programmes.

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The salary is in Scale S10. The basic entry point for City and Guilds final Technological Diploma or the *equivalent, e.g.* HNC and HND, plus teacher training is ($15,450) per annum.

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For further details and an application form (to be returned by 26 February 1988) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours).

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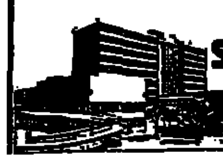
Application form and further particulars may be obtained from the Principal, Salford College of Technology, Frederick Road, Salford M6 6PU, Tel. 061-736 6541, to whom completed forms should be returned by February 22, 1988.



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THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME

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Applications are invited for the post of Director of the British School at Rome which will become vacant in autumn 1988 following the appointment of the present incumbent, Dr G W W Barker, as head of the Department of Archaeology at the University of Leicester. Applicants should be established scholars with archaeological or other appropriate academic and administrative experience, knowledge of Rome and Italy and a good command of Italian. They could be at any suitable stage in their careers and may include those seeking permanent or fixed term employment, *possibly up to retirement, or those wishing to* arrange secondment from their present post.

Further information and application form available from:

The Secretary
The British School at Rome
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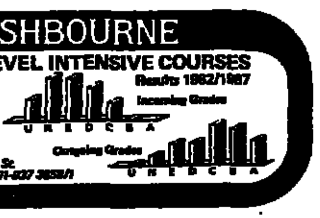

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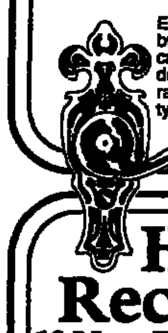

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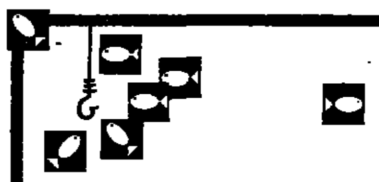

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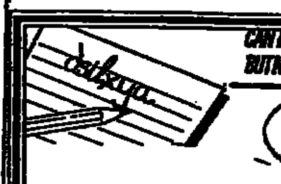

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Assessing damages for orphan's loss of mother

Spittle v Bunney

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment February 5]

In assessing fatal accidents Acts damages for the loss of a mother's services to a child, the change in the level of dependency as the child grew older and became less in need of looking after was to be taken into account.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by defendant against, *inter alia*, an award under the fatal accidents Acts of £47,000 in respect of a girl aged three at the time of her mother's death. An award of £25,000 was substituted.

Mr Richard Clegg, QC and Mr Harold Halliday for the defendant; Mr Robin Stewart, QC and Mr Timothy Hartley for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON said that a van driven by the defendant mounted a pavement in Barnsley, injured the child, Kate, and killed her mother who was aged 28. The mother was not married and the father had assumed no responsibility towards the child. Her mother's sister took Kate into her family and had since been a loving substitute mother.

Where orphans were claimants under the fatal accidents Acts, what happened to them might vary and the valuation of their loss had to depend on the facts of the case.

First there had to be a loss which was capable of being evaluated in money terms. In *Hay v Hughes* ([1975] QB 790) the wages payable to a notional nanny were taken as the measure of the services which would have been provided by the dead mother.

As was emphasized in that case the whole assessment was a jury matter, the judge directing himself as he would a jury and then putting himself in the position of the jury to decide the facts.

In cases where an orphan had been taken in by a close relative there had been a general, although not universal, reluctance to say either that the orphan had suffered no loss or had acquired a benefit. The logical reason for saying "no loss" was that no services could really replace the services of a mother. It was to be stated that the loss was one of actual services, not of love.

Having regard to the cost of hiring a nanny was not a measure that was satisfactory in every case, but was one which was usually adopted, presumably because the legal profession or the litigants had so far been unable to think of anything better.

But in *Hay v Hughes*, Lord Justice Ormrod made a suggestion that it would be worth looking at the costs of providing a foster home as an alternative measure on which to calculate the damages. Accordingly the defendant provided evidence of what the cost of providing a foster home for Kate would have been. The judge adopted the "nanny" formula.

Before their Lordships, the defendant submitted that the fatal accidents Acts damages were too large and repeated the argument that the cost of fostering was a better guide than the wages of a nanny.

Evidence was given of the sums payable to foster parents in Barnsley. They included weekly maintenance, pocket money and clothing. They were intended to cover the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the foster parents, but they did not include any payments made to the foster parents as a financial reward for acting as such, or for the equivalent of maternal "service", expended by them on the children.

The trial judge did not find that that evidence gave any guidance which would help him to put a money value on the services provided by Kate's mother. He said the cost of fostering was not, therefore, comparing like with like. His Lordship agreed. There might be in existence other, relevant, figures relating to foster parents. None were put before the judge.

When one looked into the future at the prospective value of a mother's services to a child then still at the tender age of three and a half, one could not value them at a constant figure for the whole of the child's dependency.

Still less could one value them by taking services, such as those of a nanny, which for a time were closely analogous but ceased to be so as time passed by, and simply go through an arithmetical exercise in which the multiplicand (the nanny's wages) was automatically increased year by year to keep step with actual or expected inflation.

There were cases where the dependency could be expected to vary, and where the remedy was an adjustment in the multiplicand. In the absence of firm figures met by using figures of money actually spent and going to be spent, the present was one such case.

What, then, should have been the direction given to a jury trying the facts of the present case?

They would be told that they should award such sum as they might think was proportioned to the injury to Kate resulting from her mother's death.

They should be told that the services which had been given and which would have been given to Kate by her mother had a monetary value and they could proceed on the basis that by the time she reached 22 [the age until which the judge found her dependency would continue] there would be no further deprivation by the loss of her mother's services.

They could take whatever number of years, short of eighteen and a half, which they thought represented the value at the time of death of the lost services up to that age. They should be told that the fact that nobody was being paid or would be paid as a substitute mother made no difference, and that the sister's services, given free, were not to be set against any sum which they assessed.

As to how they should value the mother's services, they were not to use as a measure the evidence of the cost of fostering services. They should be told that they were to use what other evidence (the cost of a nanny) as they thought best, and that if they thought that did not properly reflect the true value of her services they should stand back and use their common sense.

What they ought also to be reminded of was that as children got older they might also get more independent of their parents and less in need of being looked after. In the early years the services rendered by a mother to her small child might be valued by the cost of a hired nanny. The requirements were to some degree comparable.

As the child grew older valuation by commercial standards became less and less appropriate. Once the child had begun school, at least by the age of six, the extent of the services decreased in amount.

She needed, for a time, to be taken to and from school. Later on, she might go there by herself. Not only was the yardstick of a nanny's wage less appropriate, but the services rendered by the mother changed in nature.

The judge did not give himself any such direction. His Lordship did not believe that a jury directed on those lines would have finished up with a total of £47,000, or that a jury would have assessed the services of a mother to a daughter between the ages of 10 and 13 to be valued at £5,000 a year, let alone when she would be receiving higher education.

It was probable that a jury which had taken those matters into consideration would have come to the conclusion that the total damages could not exceed £25,000 for the whole of the multiplier period. £25,000 would be substituted.

It was necessary, in order to calculate interest, to divide that sum. Where the action had come on so long after the death that most of the multiplier had already been used up, any such apportionment must be artificial.

His Lordship would apportion it as to £22,000 down to trial and £3,000 thereafter. In substituting those figures, he had taken into account the special qualitative factor dealt with by Mr Justice Watkins in *Regan v Williamson* ([1976] 1 WLR 305) and approved, at least by implication, in *Abrams v Cook* (*The Times* November 26, 1987).

Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf agreed.

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Commercial Court waiting list for short cases to be established

Practice Direction: Commercial Court Waiting List

A waiting list for cases with an estimated duration of not more than four days would be established in the Commercial Court, Mr Justice Hirst stated in issuing a practice direction in the Queen's Bench Division on February 5.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said that as a result of *Practice Statement (Commercial Court: Waiting List)* ([1967] 1 WLR 1545) there was instituted in the Commercial Court a waiting list under the provisions prescribed in detail on page 1101 of *The Supreme Court Practice 1988.*

The scheme ran alongside the normal procedure, still in force, for all cases in the Commercial Court to be allocated, in effect, fixed dates, which was generally accepted to be essential.

Owing to acute congestion in the list of fixed cases during the 1970s, which resulted in waiting cases only very rarely being called into the list, the scheme fell into disuse, and this Practice Direction superseded the previous one.

In future the following provisions would apply:

1 A waiting list would be established for cases with an estimated duration of not more than four days.

2 It would be open to parties to apply by consent for their case to be placed in the list, either on the summons for directions or at the time of the application to fix a trial date.

3 In cases in which the summons for directions had already been heard, and/or where the trial date had already been fixed, consent applications could be made to the commercial court listing officer for the case to be placed in the waiting list.

4 The waiting list would be published in the commercial court listing room.

5 All cases in the waiting list would also be granted a trial date in accordance with practice to date.

6 While there could be no guarantee that the placing in the waiting list would ensure a hearing at an earlier date, there was a reasonable chance that it would do, since such cases would be given priority when any vacancies occurred.

7 Cases on the waiting list could be listed for hearing at short notice, although every effort would be and to give as long notice as possible.

8 The smooth working of the scheme would be greatly enhanced if practioners would give early warning to the commercial court listing officer of likely compromises, which would be treated in confidence, and prompt and immediate notification of actual settlements.

9 In view of the frequent and well jusitfied complaints as to the long delay in obtaining fixed trial dates in the Commercial Court, it was to be hoped that there would be a strong positive response to this opportunity to obtain speedier trials.

10 The working of the scheme would be reviewed after it had run for approximately a year, and any representations or comments would be carefully considered.

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Welfare of child paramount

W and Another v Kennedy

Before Lord Emslie, Lord President, Lord Grieve, and Lord Sutherland

[Advised January 6]

While the basic rules of the law of evidence apply in hearings before the sheriff on a referral from a Children's Hearing, the purpose of the legislation setting up such hearings was to secure an objective inquiry into whether the welfare of the child required that he should be put into care. The rules of evidence should not be rigidly applied in such hearings where to do so would be to defeat the purpose of the legislation or prejudice the interests of the child.

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so observed in an appeal by stated case against the decision of the sheriff at Glasgow holding as established a ground of referral under Part III of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

Mrs Anne Smith for the appellants; Mr Nigel Emslie, QC, *for the respondent.*

LORD SUTHERLAND, giving the opinion of the court, said that a girl aged 15 had been referred to a Children's Hearing on the grounds that certain offences under the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 1975 had been committed against her by her brother.

Those grounds had been challenged on the facts by the girl's parents and on the direction of the hearing, the reporter, Mr F. J. Kennedy, had applied to the sheriff for a finding as to whether the grounds of referral were made out.

Both the reporter and the parents had been represented before the sheriff. Evidence had been led. The child had given evidence in support of the grounds of referral, and the sheriff had found that evidence credible.

But the only corroboration for that evidence had come from an admission allegedly made to the police by the girl's brother while under caution and charge.

When evidence of the terms of that admission had been led, the appellant's solicitor had unsuccessfully objected to it upon the basis that as that evidence had been led from police officers, it was inadmissible as hearsay, the brother not being party to the hearing. When the brother came to give evidence, he admitted that he had made the admission but declined to say whether or not it was true.

The sheriff, having held the admission to be admissible in evidence, found that it sufficiently corroborated the girl's own evidence, and found the challenged grounds of referral to have been made out. The question now before the court was whether the sheriff had been entitled to hold the admission to be admissible in evidence when its maker was not a party.

Although the matter had been argued before the sheriff on the basis that the admission was hearsay that was not correct. The alleged offender had given evidence before the sheriff and, on being shown his signed voluntary statement containing the admission, had accepted that he had made that statement. There was thus direct evidence from the maker of the admission as to its making.

In their Lordships' view, the admission was not hearsay at all for it had been adopted in evidence by its maker. Any objection to admissibility on the basis that the statement was hearsay was therefore misconceived.

But as the matter had been fully argued, and as it might prove to be of importance in future referrals, their Lordships would deal with the question before the court as though the admission had truly been hearsay.

The appellants argued that the basic rules of evidence applied to Children's Hearings. Hearsay was incompetent, subject to well-recognized exceptions, of which the only one relevant to the instant case was that applying where the maker of the statement was a party to the action.

The maker of the admission here in issue was not a party to the hearing. The sheriff had been wrong not to exclude the admission, for it did not properly fall within the exception.

The court did not agree with that approach. *It was important* to identify the nature of the proceedings before the sheriff. There was doubtless good reason for the strict rule regarding hearsay evidence in ordinary civil proceedings where parties had joined battle on the basis of detailed pleadings, but it did not follow that that rigidity was necessarily appropriate in other circumstances.

As had been said in *McGregor v D* (1977 SLT 182) proceedings under the 1968 Act were civil proceedings *sui generis*, and in such cases, although the basic rules of evidence must be observed in applications before the sheriff, the ordinary codes of civil and criminal procedure did not apply.

As had been pointed out by Lord Evershed in *In re K* ([1965] AC 201) and by Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, in *Humberside County Council v R* ([1977] 1 WLR 1251) juvenile proceedings were not adversarial in nature, and the technical rules of evidence ought not to be operated in such cases so as to thwart the inquiry into whether the welfare of the child required that it did receive care, which was the statutory purpose of the proceedings.

Although the observations of Lord Evershed and Lord Widgery had been made in relation to an English procedure substantially different from that provided under the 1968 Act, they were nevertheless of assistance in supporting what was said in *McGregor v D.*

Proceedings before the sheriff on a referral were civil proceedings *sui generis* in which it must be borne in mind that the principal purpose was to ascertain what required to be done in the interests of the child.

It would be quite wrong for that objective to be thwarted by the application of rigid rules of evidence or procedure just because such rigidity might be appropriate in other kinds of proceedings.

It would be contrary to the purpose of the statute to exclude relevant evidence, such as the admission in the present case, simply because the offender who made it was not a party to proceedings in which there were no "parties" in the normally accepted sense.

Their Lordships were confirmed in their view by a consideration of the terms of section 364 of the Criminal Proceedure (Scotland) Act 1976. The admission in question would have been admissible to prove its maker's guilt in criminal proceedings against him.

Under section 364, where a person had been convicted of having committed, *inter alia*, a *sexual offence against a child*, the court might refer to the reporter, certifying that the offence should be a ground of referral established for the purpose of Part III of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

It would be strange if evidence competent to prove the offender's guilt – and automatically establish a ground of referral – could not be led in a hearing before a sheriff to determine whether or not an offence had been committed against the child.

Their Lordships accordingly considered that the sheriff had been correct in taking the view he had of the admissibility of the admission. But they emphasized that that was not to say that hearsay evidence should always be accepted in referrals.

The basic rules of evidence applied in such referrals and in general, hearsay should be excluded as inadmissible. But where it was clear that over-rigid applications of those rules would thwart the purpose of the legislation, and prejudice the interests of the child referred, an exception to the general rule might be permitted.

The marginal relaxation of the general rules allowed by the court in the present case was clearly in the interests of the child referred, and quadrated with both common sense and the terms of section 364 of the 1975 Act.

The court accordingly answered the question put to it in the affirmative.

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FOOTBALL: ALL QUIET ON THE HOME FRONT AS BRADFORD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A SOFT TOUCH TO PROMOTE THEIR CAUSE IN A COMPETITIVE SECOND DIVISION

Millwall play down their reputation as villains of the piece

By Clive White

Millwall **0**
Bradford City **1**

Incongruity was the order of the day at The Den on Saturday. We had Reg Burr, the Millwall chairman, defending the club's "many decent and law-abiding supporters" against assaults by the media while, outside the ground, some of their less decent and law-abiding supporters were eagerly buying T-shirts boasting an "England invasion of Germany". And we also all witnessed the unusual sight of Millwall losing at home.

To anyone setting foot down Cold Blow Lane for the first time the stormy welcome with which it reputedly provides was not obviously apparent on Saturday. The sun was shining warmly and Millwall's decent and law-abiding supporters seemed at peace with the world.

The Millwall team, too, did nothing to disturb the soporific mood but, like perfect hosts, gave Bradford City all the time they needed to settle down and win the game. Only twice in the opening 45 minutes did Millwall peek at Bradford's goal and on each occasion Byrne and Cascarino had the decency to send their shots silently past.

It is days like this that make you wonder why Millwall has become synonymous with violence. It will take many more days like this one and, more importantly, many more away days like this one before Millwall lose their reputation. It will also take considerably more objective reporting by the press on their behaviour and one had some sympathy for Burr when he spoke in the programme notes about the "mindless violence of the purple prose directed at this club" in reference to the coverage of the crowd disturbances at Highbury the other week.

Unfortunately, the game and the behaviour of supporters is sometimes open to interpretation. Take Saturday's match for example. Terry Dolan, the Bradford manager, suggested that perhaps they had surprised the opposition by not playing with a sweeper, whereas John Docherty, the Millwall manager, blamed Bradford's three centrebacks for their first half ineptitude. Fortunately, all tactical nuances were removed from the mind in the second half and we were presented with the more normal, enjoyable fare of second division football this season.

Whatever anyone may think of the standard of its skill, the first division must be envious of its competitive nature. There are at least nine clubs well in the hunt, with Aston Villa confirming their position at the front.

FA Cup involvement does not appear to have done any harm to the progress of Bradford, who, after returning to League duty for the first time in nearly five weeks, find themselves still usefully placed with a couple of games in hand over some of their rivals. Bradford looked more obvious first division material than Millwall. They possess real class in their midfield with Hendrie, McCall and Kennedy, who introduced us to the delightfully skilful side of his nature with that compelling left foot.

But if there was to be a match-winner it was inevitable that the honour should fall upon the tall head of Ormondroyd. Twice his height had threatened Millwall, once when Horne fortuitously caught his header beneath his arm and when McLeary booted a header clear of the goal line. But despite the rationing of injury time by Michael James, the referee, there was still enough for Ellis to manoeuvre cleverly on the wing and Ormondroyd to convert his cross with that faithful forehead.

MILLWALL: B Horne; D Salman, N Coleman, K Stevens, A Walker, A McLeary, D Byrne, L Briley, E Sheringham, A Cascarino, J Carter.
BRADFORD CITY: P Litchfield; B Mitchell, C Goddard, S McCall, G Oliver, D Evans, J Hendrie, G Abbot, I Ormondroyd, M Kennedy, M Ellis.
Referee: M James.

Collision course: O'Neill, of Newcastle, tangles with Goodyear at Wimbledon on Saturday

When the fortunes of Southall's heir took a dive

By Ian Ross

Blackburn Rovers **2**
Manchester City **1**

Those wishing to audition for the role of goalkeeper should form an orderly queue outside Maine Road this morning. Anyone seen dropping his dog-eared curriculum vitae on to the pavement will immediately be ushered to the head of the procession and given preferential treatment.

It is often said of sports journalists that they only enter the profession to live out a dream through the actions of others; the logic being that, if you are incapable of doing something yourself, writing about someone else doing it is the next best thing.

When we dismiss the well-meaning actions of footballers with one stroke of a pen we may be left open to a charge of flippancy. Forty-eight hours after City's promotion hopes were dealt a potentially terminal blow, Mike Stowell will know all about the venomous powers of a flippant pen.

At 22 Stowell is the third-choice goalkeeper of the champions and is so highly thought of at Goodison Park that he is being touted in some quarters as the natural successor to the formidable Southall. He recently joined City on loan to further his education and was promoted to the first team on Saturday in place of Nixon, who has waged a largely unsuccessful war against inconsistency all season.

The scene was set for a heroic performance which would leave Mel Machin, the City manager, with little option but to raid his club's coffers in an attempt to make permanent the at present temporary move. Things went beautifully for Stowell for three minutes until Rovers' first attack was climaxed by a Garner shot which was misdirected and lacking in power.

Stowell dived down to his right to collect, only to see the ball loop up over his outstretched hands and roll slowly over the line. As cheers were interspersed with widespread laughter, the young goalkeeper remained seated and cast a glance at the heavens.

Stowell was unfortunate insomuch as the ball had hit a ski slope of a divot directly in front of him and yet he was foolish insomuch as he had not heeded the warnings delivered during the course of his prolonged pre-match warm-up when several shots from a colleague had hit the same spot with almost identical results.

His afternoon of misery was complete 12 minutes from the end when he suffered a fate which has befallen many of his predecessors in the club's green jersey. A hopeful shot from Price, the Rovers full back, was going nowhere until it struck the leg of a defender and flew into the bottom corner of the net.

That goal effectively ended a spirited City fightback which had yielded an equalizer in the 62nd minute when Varadi headed home from close range after a White shot had come back into play after hitting the underside of the crossbar and bouncing down on, or possibly over, the line. In winning a closely contested, if ultimately disappointing, Lancashire derby Rovers established a club record of 20 League games without defeat and yet promotion, if it is attained, could prove to be a hollow triumph.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennoe, C Price, C Sulley, A Ainscow, C Hendry, D Mail, I Miller, N Reid, S Archibald, S Garner, S Sellars.
MANCHESTER CITY: M Stowell, I Brightwell, A Hinchcliffe, N McNab, P Lake, S Redmond, D White, P Stewart, I Varadi, T Morley, P Simpson.
Referee: K Barratt.

Leading role rests uneasily on Villa

By Dennis Shaw

Aston Villa **2**
Leicester City **1**

Graham Taylor's pursuit of his personalized version of football excellence has led him at the present stage of the promotion game to a state of intriguing contradictions.

Achievement ran way ahead of performance as Villa remained firmly ahead at the top while being outplayed by a team almost at the bottom. "Leicester were better than ourselves in almost everything they did," the Aston Villa manager confessed after emerging from the experience with more relief than pride.

Two goals in 90 seconds of the first half and a penalty save by Spink from McAllister were the decisive moments. For the rest, it was a case of Leicester's enterprise going unrewarded.

To the Villa public who saw their team hold Liverpool to a one-goal margin until the last few moments of their FA Cup tie six days earlier, it was a bewildering experience to see them dominated far more substantially in all but a misleading scoreline.

"We scored two goals and we hadn't even begun to play," Taylor said. The first of these came from an electrifying burst by Daley who, according to one ex-professional player watching, "could catch pigeons." Daley added a stunning shot to his unstoppable surge, and though Andrews did well to get to it, Lillis polished off the rebound. Evans then back-headed a short corner by Birch and Villa sat back.

The conclusion from all the evidence which then unfolded must be that David Pleat will guide his team well away from the third division. Although only Newell succeeded in getting past Spink, Leicester's general play and their readiness to tap reserves of resolve and endeavour deserved more.

It will be the more frustrating for Leicester to discover that Spink's penalty save virtually came on prescription from the club doctor. "He pointed out to me that when right-footed players run straight at the ball they tend to shoot to the goalkeeper's left. When they approach at an arc they generally shoot right," the goalkeeper explained. McAllister ran straight, Spink dived left, and Leicester lost.

Villa now go forward to play two promotion rivals in successive weeks. Having won 11 of their 15 league games away from home, they do so with confidence, which is another of those Taylor contradictions.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; K Gage, B Gallacher, A Gray, A Evans, M Keown, P Birch, M Lillis, G Thompson, T Daley, A Mcinally.
LEICESTER CITY: I Andrews; S Morgan, A Mauchlen, R Osman, S Walsh, P Ramsey, G McAllister, N Cross, M Newell, P Reid, P Weir.
Referee: D Scott (Burnley).

When the long ball was out of touch

By Nicholas Harling

Crystal Palace **3**
Birmingham City **0**

Some teams do not know when they have been let off lightly. Birmingham City, beaten 6-0 in their previous two games against Crystal Palace, could have been excused for feeling relieved at losing by only half as many on Saturday.

Instead, they came off Selhurst Park griping at the injustice of the third Palace goal in the last minute, claiming that Bright was offside when he touched in Salako's shot. What they conveniently overlooked was not only the fact that the referee had allowed the advantage rule after Dicks had thundered into Barber as he crossed the ball, but that they deserved nothing more for their contribution to a game that Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, kindly described as "flat".

The saddest indictment was that Palace should benefit ultimately from a series of poor crosses merely because Birmingham's defenders were even more inept when it came to doing anything beyond clearing them straight back to the home side. Coppell said he had been itching to bring on Salako to provide "decent width". But all the left winger did on entering the fray was abuse the privilege with unproductive centres. It was ironicthat he should adorn the scoresheet.

With Birmingham, like Palace, adhering to the long ball game, it made for deeply prosaic football, especially since Palace added their usual offside trap for good or, as the case was, bad measure. There had been nothing in the opening half-hour of mediocrity to suggest why Palace are the League's leading scorers.

Only Suckling had rescued them with a stupendous stop from Whitton's free kick, followed by his reflex save from Wigley's follow-up. But within seconds Birmingham were bemoaning their double dose of ill fortune as the ball was nestling in their net, deposited there by Bright after a flowing move involving Thomas and Barber.

By the time Bright returned the compliment for Barber to redeem himself for an earlier appalling miss by scoring at the second attempt in the 83rd minute, the game had improved, though not nearly enough to convince us that Palace would be promotion candidates in any other, superior, era or that Birmingham can look beyond their FA Cup fifth-round tie with Nottingham Forest.

CRYSTAL PALACE: P Suckling; K O'Doherty, D Burke, G Pennyfather, A Finnigan, J Cannon, A Pardew (sub: J Salako), G Thomas, M Bright, P Barber, N Redfearn.
BIRMINGHAM CITY: R Hansbury; R Ranson, J Dicks, T Williams, V Overson, J Trewick (sub: C Robinson), D Bremner, G Childs (sub: I Handysides), S Whitton, A Rees, S Wigley.
Referee: D A Hedges.

Pearson's plunge is the only relief

By Martin Searby

Leeds United **1**
Ipswich Town **0**

Not even the most ardent Leeds United follower would have resisted the exhortation on the electronic scoreboard at Elland Road to "Support Comic Relief", and many would have given anything to have been spared a miserable game on a dreadful pitch.

Yet at the end of the day the goal scored by Pearson carried the Yorkshire team to within two points of a play-off place and guaranteed them some handsome bonuses for their participation in the Football League Centenary Festival at Wembley next April.

It was a third successive defeat for Ipswich in which they have failed to score. The expensive acquisition of Wark from Liverpool does not appear money wisely spent although it is perhaps unfair to single any one player out for criticism when all might well have been performing in those famous clowns' boots and where red noses would not have looked out of place.

John Duncan, the Ipswich manager, admitted that his side "did not play for the first 25 minutes," but went on to adjure that they did not do badly afterwards. If Deehan's two efforts, a shot straight at Day and a miss from Brennan's through ball, the only chances created by Ipswich, are "not doing badly" there are substantial problems ahead.

Leeds did little better with so many passes going astray and Sheridan failing to exploit the acres of space he was given to work in. Adams and Snodin ran enthusiastically on the left flank but Pearson and Davison did not make the most of their opportunities against Cranson and Humes who looked distinctly ill at ease.

However, on an afternoon of unmitigated dross the goal after 14 minutes was worthy of a better occasion. Haddock seized on one of the many bad balls out of defence to feed Adams whose speed carried him behind the defence. When the left wing cross came over, Pearson threw himself among the flying boots to register a second goal since his recall following ten weeks out of the team.

The next 75 minutes seemed interminable and Ipswich, already missing Zondervan with ankle trouble, will also be without Cranson — who damaged a hamstring — for tomorrow's Simod Cup quarter-final against Coventry City.

LEEDS UNITED: M Day; N Aspin, M Adams; G Williams, J Ashurst, P Haddock, D Rennie, J Sheridan, J Pearson, R Davison, G Snodin.
IPSWICH TOWN: J Hallworth; F Yallop, G Harbey (sub: N Gleghorn), I Atkins, A Humes, I Cranson (sub: J Dozzell), D Lowe, M Brennan, J Deehan, J Wark, M Stockwell.
Referee: G Aplin.

Goal that went to Swindon's head

By David Powell

Swindon Town **1**
Middlesbrough **1**

A vintage goal which had the locals cooing that it was the best they had seen at the County Ground for years left Lou Macari, Swindon's manager, wishing that it had never been scored.

Having been on the same road to nowhere as Middlesbrough a couple of years ago, Swindon are using the fast lane through the divisions, previously occupied by Wimbledon and Watford. But on Saturday they abandoned the long-ball style which has taken them from the fourth division to the second in successive seasons

"The goal went to their heads and we spent the rest of the game trying to do the same again," Macari, who missed his after-match press conference because he was feeling unwell, said yesterday. "We tried to match them with a game of football and do things that are completely foreign to us. We deviated from a system which has got us where we are and I tear my hair out sometimes when I don't see them putting people under pressure with it."

For all that, one's expectations were always higher when Swindon were in possession. They were the sonata, musical with bursts of solo activity, particularly from Bamber, while Middlesbrough were a sonnet, rhythmic and reliable.

As Everton have found, it takes a good goal to get past Middlesbrough; and Swindon, despite the sticky pitch, proved equal to the requirement after 12 minutes. Kamara and O'Regan weaved patterns down the right flank, Hockaday crossed and Bamber, sure-footed, rifled past Pears.

"One player didn't do his job," Bruce Rioch, Middlesbrough's manager, complained.

"Their goal was a good goal, well worked and well finished," Rioch said. Right. "Conditions were appalling — it's unfair to put players out in conditions like that." Right again. "It's a good second division with lots of good football being played." And again.

Rioch and Macari, former Scotland team-mates, are progressing stride for stride in management. Middlesbrough's equalizer, after 34 minutes, bore the hallmark of their precision style. Pallister nodded on Hamilton's corner for Mowbray to finish with his head.

SWINDON TOWN: F Digby; D Hockaday, P King, C Kamara, T Parkin, C Calderwood, D Bamber, J Gittens, J Quinn (sub: R Barnes), S White, K O'Regan.
MIDDLESBROUGH: S Pears; D Glover, C Cooper, A Mowbray, G Parkinson, G Pallister, B Slaven (sub: A Kernaghan), S Ripley, G Hamilton, P Kerr, B Laws.
Referee: D Reeves.

Restraint in a nasty situation

By Dennis Signy

Wimbledon **0**
Newcastle United **0**

The reported after-match pleasantries of Paul Gascoigne, Newcastle's emerging young talent, sending a red rose to Vinny Jones, and the Wimbledon "hard man" replying with a toilet brush, failed to take away the memory of an unpleasant confrontation at Plough Lane.

The surprising factor was that Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager, passionately defended Jones at the end, claiming: "His instructions were not to let him play. If Gascoigne plays, they play. Vinny did a hell of a job."

Equally surprising was that an indulgent referee needed 72 minutes to take notice. He then had a word with Jones who, having fouled Gascoigne, stood in direct line for the resultant free-kick, seemingly indicating that the under-21 starlet should aim the ball at his forehead.

This was a rehearsal for the FA Cup fifth round meeting between the teams at St James Park on Saturday week — "it will be a cracker up there," Gould forecast. Although Gould did not support all of Jones' actions, surprisingly he felt the crowd had seen "a great game." In deference to his experience, it is fair to report that Kelly made a memorable save to deny Gayle and that both Newcastle full-backs cleared off their goal line to maintain their unbeaten record in 1988.

Beasant, too, made a fine save to keep out Goddard's header in the second half. There were, of course, the occasional moments to savour but the overriding impression after the pre-match hype comparing the explosive goal-scoring talents of Fashanu and Mirandinha was of Jones v Gascoigne, who showed remarkable restraint if not completely blameless.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; C Goodyear, T Phelan, V Jones, B Gayle, A Thorn, T Gibson, A Cork (sub: A Clement), J Fashanu, L Sanchez, D Wise.
NEWCASTLE UNITED: G Kelly; J Anderson, K Wharton, D Jackson, P Jackson, G Roeder, N McDonald, P Gascoigne, P Goddard, Mirandinha, M O'Neill.
Referee: M Dimblebee.

The world dines out on Luton's goal feast

By Vince Wright

Luton Town **7**
Oxford United **4**

Dress rehearsals are seldom a reliable guide to the actual performance, so it is unlikely that this astonishing match on Saturday will have much bearing on the Littlewoods Cup semi-final between these teams. Both managers, Ray Harford, of Luton, and Maurice Evans, of Oxford, admitted as much when they said that they would not be surprised if the first leg at Oxford's Manor Ground on Wednesday finished 0-0.

There was never any danger of this game being goalless. From the seventh minute, when Harford's fizzing left-foot shot from 20 yards found the far top corner of the net, right up to the final whistle, both defences were as solid as melting ice-cream.

Harford praised Luton's fine finishing, but would have preferred them to have won 3-0. "Too much pressure was put on our forwards to score," he said. Evans, surprisingly good humoured in the circumstances, said that Oxford's defending was "Sunday morning stuff" and that the match was "unreal."

The first division's lowest crowd of the day watched the goal feast, which was beamed live to Scandinavia. Recorded highlights were shown in a further 55 countries. As Luton won 5-2 at Oxford in September the two League fixtures have produced 18 goals. Three of them on Saturday were scored by Mark Stein, who is no longer living in the shadow of his elder brother, Brian.

It was Stein's first treble and his goals came during a 12-minute period in the second half. Stein's improvement has coincided with the rise of Luton, who are unbeaten since Boxing Day and have a better record this year than Liverpool. Oxford, who would surely swap a possible date at Wembley for first division safety, may have done their chances of avoiding relegation irreparable harm.

Oxford's defenders seemed shell-shocked by the previous week's FA Cup defeat at Bradford City. The goalkeeper, Hardwick, had a wretched time and Caton, the captain, struggled so much on the synthetic surface that he was replaced midway through the second half. Evans said that he hoped his action "might shake Caton up for Wednesday."

In the absence of Dreyer, Oxford had no recognized left back and Luton, and particularly Breacker, ruthlessly exploited the weakness, five of their goals coming from that flank.

Harford had the last as well as the first word by completing the scoring after 70 minutes. Luton's other marksmen were Brian Stein and McDonough. Oxford replied through Saunders (penalty), Foyle, Hill and Phillips — the first time that Luton have conceded more than three goals on their artificial pitch.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, R Johnson (sub: A Grimes), D McDonough, S Foster, M Donaghy, D Wilson, B Stein, M Harford, M Stein, I Allinson.
OXFORD UNITED: S Hardwick; D Bardsley, R Hill, G Shelton (sub: R Mustoe), G Briggs, T Caton (sub: W Whitehurst), T Hebberd, M Foyle, D Saunders, L Phillips, P Rhoades-Brown.
Referee: N Butler.

Misery for Osborne

Roger Osborne's attempt to return to Wembley in the final of the FA Vase 10 years after scoring the winning goal in the FA Cup Final for Ipswich Town ended in disappointment and pain in Saturday's fifth round tie (Paul Newman writes).

Osborne's team, Braintree Town, lost 1-0 at Sudbury Town, their Building Scene Eastern League rivals, in front of a crowd of 1,195. Osborne was taken off on a stretcher with a badly cut foot and after returning to action suffered an eye injury in a clash of heads.

Tamworth (Bank's Brewery League), one of the favourites, lost 4-2 away to Durham City, the Drybroughs Northern League team, who had both Leaver, the scorer of their first goal, and Holden sent off before Stronach ensured victory with a goal in the final minute.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

BARCLAYS LEAGUE
First division

Liverpool	0	West Ham	0
Luton	7	Oxford Utd	4
Manchester Utd	1	Coventry	0
Norwich	0	Watford	0
Nottm For	3	Chelsea	2
Portsmouth	2	Derby	1
QPR	2	Charlton	0
Sheffield Wed	2	Southampton	1
Wimbledon	0	Newcastle	0

Littlewoods Cup
Semi-final, first leg

EVERTON (0) 0 ARSENAL (1) 1
25,476 Groves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	25	19	6	0	59	11	63
Nottm Forest	25	14	6	5	49	23	48
Man Utd	26	13	9	4	39	25	48
Everton	25	12	7	6	36	16	43
QPR	26	12	7	7	32	28	43
Arsenal	26	12	6	8	37	25	42
Wimbledon	26	11	8	7	39	30	41
Luton	25	11	5	9	39	30	38
Sheff Wed	26	11	4	11	33	39	37
Newcastle	25	8	9	8	30	35	33
Tottenham	26	9	6	11	26	31	33
Southampton	26	8	8	10	34	38	32
West Ham	26	7	10	9	28	34	31
Chelsea	27	8	7	12	33	45	31
Portsmouth	27	6	11	10	26	43	29
Norwich	26	7	5	14	23	33	26
Coventry	24	6	7	11	24	39	25
Derby	24	6	6	12	21	30	24
Watford	26	5	8	13	17	32	23
Oxford	25	6	5	14	32	53	23
Charlton	26	4	8	14	23	40	20

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston	0	Macclesfield	2
Cheltenham	1	Northwich	1
Enfield	3	Weymouth	2
Kidderminster	4	Altrincham	1
Stafford	1	Barnet	1
Wycombe	1	Wealdstone	0

Postponed: Bath City v Lincoln; Runcorn v Maidstone; Welling v Telford.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	26	17	7	2	58	26	58
Lincoln	25	17	3	5	54	30	54
Stafford R	28	14	8	6	50	35	50
Telford	29	14	6	9	49	36	48
Kettering	27	14	5	8	43	32	47
Macclesfield	25	13	5	7	42	31	44
Kidderminster	26	13	5	8	50	44	44
Weymouth	22	13	3	6	31	13	42
Cheltenham	28	9	11	8	43	44	38
Enfield	29	10	7	12	47	55	37
Sutton Utd	24	9	9	6	43	28	36
Runcorn	25	9	9	7	33	31	36
Maidstone	24	10	5	9	48	40	35
Boston	27	9	6	12	40	43	33
Altrincham	28	9	5	14	33	42	32
Fisher Ath	26	7	8	11	30	36	29
Wycombe W	28	7	7	14	32	62	28
Welling Utd	23	7	2	14	30	43	23
Bath	25	5	5	15	26	45	20
Wealdstone	27	2	12	13	21	47	18
Dagenham	28	4	6	18	30	64	18
Northwich	22	3	8	11	20	36	17

CENTRAL LEAGUE First division: Huddersfield 3, Liverpool 1.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal 2, QPR 0; Southampton 1, Crystal Palace 1; West Ham 0 Luton 1. Postponed: Brighton v Tottenham; Reading v Norwich; Watford v Swindon.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1, Bangor 1; Ballymena 1, Cliftonville 1; Crusaders 1, Linfield 3; Glenavon 0, Larne 1, Glentoran 1, Distillery 0; Newry 3, Portadown 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 2, Pontefract 3; Belper Town 0, Hallam 3; Brigg Town 0, Guiseley 0; Denaby Utd 2, Harrogate Railway 1; Hatfield Main 1, Thackley 2.

Second division

Aston Villa	2	Leicester	1
Blackburn	2	Manchester City	1
Bournemouth	6	Hull	2
C Palace	3	Birmingham	0
Leeds	1	Ipswich	0
Millwall	0	Bradford	1
Oldham	4	Reading	2
Shrewsbury	0	WBA	1
Stoke	1	Sheffield Utd	0
Swindon	1	Middlesbrough	1

Postponed: Plymouth v Barnsley.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	31	17	10	4	50	25	61
Blackburn	30	16	9	5	44	28	57
C Palace	31	17	4	10	66	47	55
Middlesbrough	30	15	8	7	41	24	53
Millwall	30	16	4	10	49	37	52
Bradford	29	15	6	8	43	35	51
Leeds	31	14	8	9	43	38	50
Hull	29	13	9	7	43	40	48
Ipswich	30	13	7	10	40	30	46
Man City	30	12	6	12	58	45	42
Swindon	27	12	6	9	49	37	42
Stoke	30	12	6	12	37	39	42
Oldham	30	11	7	12	39	40	40
Barnsley	27	11	6	10	42	38	39
Plymouth	29	11	6	12	46	45	39
Birmingham	30	9	8	13	30	48	35
Bournemouth	29	9	7	13	43	47	34
Sheff Utd	30	8	6	16	32	52	30
WBA	31	8	5	18	35	54	29
Leicester	29	7	7	15	36	44	28
Shrewsbury	31	5	11	15	26	42	26
Reading	29	6	6	17	32	54	24
Huddersfield	29	4	8	17	31	68	20

Northern Premier League

Bangor	2	Matlock	0
Barrow	0	Worksop	1
Caernarfon	2	Buxton	1
Chorley	5	Oswestry	1
Gateshead	1	Marine	3
Rhyl	2	Frickley	1
S Liverpool	0	Workington	2
Witton	0	Gainsborough	1

Postponed: Goole v Morecambe; Horwich v Hyde; Mossley v Southport.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 1, Dorchester 3; Bedworth 2, Dartford 1; Bromsgrove 1, Fareham 0; Burton 1, Cambridge City 4; Crawley 4, Corby 3; Leicester Utd 1, Gosport 1; Nuneaton 4, Chelmsford 1; Shepshed 0, Aylesbury 1; VS Rugby 1, Ashford 1; Worcester 2, Willenhall 1. Postponed: Witney v Redditch. Midland division: Banbury 1, Kings Lynn 1; Gloucester 2, Buckingham 2; Grantham 1, Sutton Coldfield 0; Halesowen 0, Forest Green 0; Merthyr Tydfil 5, Bridgnorth 1; Rushden 3, Dudley 1; Stourbridge 1 Paget 0. Postponed: Coventry Sporting v Mile Oak, Hednesford v Wellingborough; Trowbridge v Moor Green. Southern division: Dover 2, Gravesend 2; Dunstable 2, Salisbury 1. Postponed: Canterbury v Waterlooville; Chatham v Bury; Erith v Poole; Folkestone v Andover; Hastings v Baldock; Sheppey v Ruislip; Thanet v Burnham.

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 0, Harrow 1; Bromley 2, Leyton-Wingate 2; Farnborough 0, Windsor and Eton 0; Hitchin 0, Hayes 5; Kingstonian 0, Basingstoke 0; Leytonstone-Ilford 1, Bognor 1; St Albans 1, Yeovil 2; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Slough 0. Postponed: Bishop's Stortford v Dulwich.

Third division

Aldershot	1	Chester	1
Blackpool	1	Brighton	3
Bristol C	3	Bury	2
Chesterfield	1	Gillingham	4
Fulham	0	Mansfield	0
Grimsby	0	Preston	1
Northampton	1	Doncaster	0
Sunderland	1	Walsall	1
Wigan	1	Bristol R	0
York	2	Port Vale	3

Postponed: Rotherham v Brentford.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	29	18	8	3	58	26	62
Notts Co	30	17	9	4	61	32	60
Wigan	29	16	8	5	48	35	56
Walsall	30	15	10	5	47	31	55
Northampton	31	12	12	7	44	32	48
Brighton	28	12	11	5	39	30	47
Brentford	28	13	8	7	38	32	47
Bristol City	28	13	7	8	53	46	46
Gillingham	31	10	12	9	58	41	42
Bury	31	10	11	10	47	46	41
Aldershot	28	12	4	12	49	48	40
Fulham	30	10	8	12	42	42	38
Preston	31	9	10	12	30	40	37
Blackpool	27	9	9	9	39	31	36
Chester	30	8	11	11	36	46	35
Port Vale	28	9	7	12	35	38	34
Rotherham	29	8	10	11	35	43	34
Chesterfield	29	10	4	15	26	49	34
Mansfield	27	8	8	11	32	32	32
Bristol R	27	8	6	13	42	48	30
Grimsby	30	8	6	16	36	44	30
Southend	31	6	10	15	43	66	28
Doncaster	30	7	5	18	27	52	26
York	30	2	9	19	29	62	15

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Basildon 3, Chesham Utd 1; Borehamwood 3, Billericay Town 0; Bracknell Town 2, Walthamstow Ave 2; Grays Ath 3, Marlow 1; Kingsbury 2, Staines Town 1; Leatherhead 2, Stevenage Borough 0; Lewes 1, Uxbridge 2; Oxford City 5, Worthing 1; Wembley 0, Hampton 0. Division two north: Aveley 0, Haringey 1; Hemel Hempstead 1, Hornchurch 0; Saffron Walden 1, Vauxhall Motors 1; Tring Town 3, Berkhamsted Town 6; Witham Town 3, Barton Rvrs 1. Postponed: Clapton v Finchley; Hertford Town v Ware; Tilbury v Letchworth Garden City. Div two south: Chalfont St Peter 4, Banstead Ath 1; Dorking 3, Petersfield Utd 1; Egham Town 0, Feltham 2; Hungerford Town 1, Flackwell Heath 0; Maidenhead Utd 3, Camberley Town 1; Ruislip Manor 0, Harefield Utd 1. Postponed: Eastbourne Utd v Molesey; Horsham v Epsom and Ewell; Southall v Newbury Town.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton Town 0, Fleetwood Town 0; Curzon Ashton 1, Eastwood Town 4; Netherfield 0, Harrogate Town 1; Penrith 2, Sutton Town 0; Stalybridge Celtic 3, Accrington Stanley 2; Winsford United 1, Leek Town 1. Postponed: Eastwood Hanley v Lancaster City; Irlam Town v Congleton Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 1, Paulton Rovers 2; Bristol Manor Farm 1, Swanage and Herston 0; Chippenham Town 1, Bristol City 0; Frome town 0, Saltash United 2; Liskeard Ath 3, Exmouth Town 1; Mangotsfield 2, Torrington 1; Melksham Town 1, Barnstaple Town 2; Weston s Mare 1, Radstock Town 0. Postponed: Dawlish Town v Plymouth Argyle.

Fourth division

Bolton	1	Hereford	0
Cambridge	1	Torquay	0
Carlisle	2	Stockport	0
Leyton O	0	Hartlepool	2
Rochdale	2	Scunthorpe	1
Swansea	0	Burnley	0
Tranmere	1	Scarborough	0
Wolves	1	Cardiff	4

Postponed: Darlington v Peterborough; Wrexham v Exeter.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton	28	16	6	6	47	25	54
Cardiff	29	14	9	6	44	29	51
Bolton	29	14	7	8	40	27	49
Leyton O	29	13	9	7	58	40	48
Colchester	29	14	5	10	38	33	47
Darlington	29	13	7	9	48	39	46
Torquay	27	13	6	8	41	28	45
Burnley	30	13	6	11	38	43	45
Swansea	31	12	8	11	44	40	44
Hartlepool	30	11	11	8	35	31	44
Scunthorpe	29	11	10	8	46	38	43
Scarborough	29	11	8	10	38	34	41
Cambridge	29	12	5	12	36	35	41
Crewe	29	9	13	7	44	36	40
Tranmere	30	12	4	14	37	35	38
Peterborough	28	10	6	12	33	40	36
Hereford	30	9	9	12	27	35	36
Halifax	28	9	9	10	32	33	35
Exeter	29	8	8	13	36	41	32
Wrexham	28	9	5	14	32	39	32
Rochdale	31	7	11	13	31	58	32
Carlisle	30	8	6	16	43	60	30
Stockport	30	7	8	15	29	42	29
Newport	29	5	4	20	25	61	19

FA VASE: Fifth round: Atherstone Utd 1, Colne Dynamos 2; Bashley 2, Hounslow 0; Clevedon Town 2, Corinthian 1; Chertsey Town 0, Falmouth Town 0 (aet); Durham City 4, Tamworth 2; Gresley Rovers 0, Emley 1; North Ferriby Utd 1, Farsley Celtic 2; Sudbury Town 1, Braintree Town 0.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland 2, Blyth Spartans 3; Brandon United 0, Newcastle Blue Star 2; Crook Town 2, Spennymoor United 1; Ferryhill Athletic 3, Tow Law 3; North Shields 2, Chester le Street 0; Shildon 2 Consett 3. Postponed: Billingham Synthonia v Whitley Bay; Easington v Gretna; Guisborough Town v South Bank; Whitby Town v Ryhope CA.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 0, Formby 1; Burscough 2, Salford 1; Ellesmere Port and Neston 2, Bootle 0; St Helens Town 2, Kirkby Town 0; Warrington Town 0, Clitheroe 0. Postponed: Colwyn Bay v Prescot Cables.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 1, Portsmouth 2; Chelsea 1, Leyton Orient 0; Gillingham 3, West Ham Utd 1; Millwall 2, Charlton Athletic 1. Postponed: Cambridge Utd v Leyton Orient; Southend Utd v Catford; Tottenham Hotspur v Norwich City.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Bray Wanderers 1, Cork City 1; Dundalk 4, Limerick City 0; Galway United 3, Sligo Rovers 1; Shamrock 2, Shelbourne 0 (played Friday); St Patrick's Athletic 1, Bohemians 0; Waterford United 0, Derry City 0.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Como 1, Fiorentina 0; Empoli 1, Internazionale 1; Milan 3, Cesena 0; Napoli 2, Pisa 1; Pescara 2, Juventus 0; Roma 0 Avellino 0; Torino 2 Ascoli 1; Verona 3, Sampdoria 1.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	1	Rangers	2
Celtic	1	Motherwell	0
Dundee Utd	2	Morton	0
Falkirk	1	Dunfermline	0
Hibernian	2	Dundee	1
St Mirren	0	Hearts	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	31	20	9	2	57	19	49
Rangers	32	20	6	6	60	22	46
Hearts	32	17	12	3	60	24	46
Aberdeen	32	16	12	4	45	19	44
Dundee	31	14	6	11	58	40	34
Dundee Utd	32	11	10	11	34	36	32
Hibernian	32	8	13	11	29	35	29
St Mirren	31	7	11	13	33	45	25
Motherwell	32	9	6	17	26	44	24
Falkirk	32	6	8	18	30	59	20
Dunfermline	31	5	8	18	24	60	18
Morton	32	2	9	21	22	75	13

First division

Airdrie	1	Dumbarton	1
Clydebank	1	Queen of South	0
East Fife	0	Meadowbank	0
Hamilton	2	Clyde	0
Kilmarnock	0	Forfar	2
Partick	5	Raith	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	31	18	7	6	53	26	43
Meadowbank	32	14	10	8	52	40	38
Raith	31	16	4	11	64	52	36
Forfar	32	11	13	8	51	41	35
Airdrie	32	12	11	9	52	49	35
Clydebank	32	15	5	12	42	45	35
Clyde	31	12	5	14	61	55	29
Partick	32	10	8	14	49	54	28
Dumbarton	32	10	8	14	40	54	28
Queen of South	32	8	12	12	39	55	28
Kilmarnock	32	10	6	16	41	47	26
East Fife	31	6	7	18	40	66	19

Second division

Ayr	2	E Stirling	0
Cowdenbeath	1	Stenhousemuir	1
Queens Park	1	Montrose	1
St Johnstone	4	Albion Rov	1
Stirling Alb	2	Stranraer	0

Postponed: Berwick v Alloa; Brechin v Arbroath.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ayr Utd	25	20	3	2	67	18	43
St Johnstone	24	16	6	2	49	14	38
Queens Park	25	13	6	6	42	30	32
Brechin	24	13	5	6	34	23	31
Stirling	26	11	7	8	39	37	29
E Stirling	26	8	10	8	33	35	26
Albion	26	8	9	9	31	41	25
Montrose	25	9	6	10	32	32	24
Arbroath	24	7	9	8	39	41	23
Alloa	23	9	3	11	31	30	21
Cowdenbeath	25	4	10	11	35	53	18
Stenhousemuir	25	5	6	14	25	44	16
Stranraer	25	3	5	17	24	50	11
Berwick	25	4	3	18	22	54	11

SPANISH LEAGUE: Cadiz 3, Sabadell 2; Atletico Madrid 7, Mallorca 0; Athletic Bilbao 1, Logrones 0; Valencia 2, Celta 0; Espanol 4, Betis 1; Sevilla 1, Barcelona 1; Las Palmas 1, Murcia 0; Osasuna 1, Real Sociedad 2; Zaragoza 1, Valladolid 1; Gijon 1, Real Madrid 2.

Marks staying on

The Millwall forward, Michael Marks has had his loan period with Mansfield extended for a second month.

POOLS CHECK CHART

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1½	1½	1	3●	1½	1	1½	2	1½	1	1½	3●	1	1½	1	1	1	1½	1½	1

31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2	1½	1½	1	1½	1	1	1½	1½	1½	1	1	1	1	1½	3●	1	2	1	1½	1	1	1½	1½	3●	3●	1	1

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FOOTBALL

West Ham spoil the run of play at Anfield

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Liverpool 0
West Ham United 0

West Ham United have graduated with honours. The first side to hold Liverpool at the beginning of the term, they repeated the feat on Saturday in an arena where few visitors collect a point. They, themselves, had not done so for eleven years.

The manner of their achievement, which is, and probably will remain, unique this season, will not be recorded in West Ham's mythical academy of football. Shamelessly they hid their principles, their creative ideas, and any prospect of an open game behind a barbed barricade.

Mentally, they erased the halfway line and repainted it a few yards outside their own penalty area. Physically, the London team reinforced their keen sense of self-preservation by policing their limited territory with so many guards there was scarcely room inside to manoeuvre.

Bonds, twice as energetic as players half his age, led the vigilant patrol. Anybody that escaped his attention was liable to be halted by either an earth remover, in the shape of Strodder, or a tank, like Robson. Anything that did squeeze through was caught by the grappling hands of McAlister.

West Ham cannot be blamed for their rearguard action, negative though it was. Had they indulged in any other policy, they would have been dismantled. They might well have been anyway. As at Upton Park in September, they were in danger of conceding half a dozen goals.

At their own home, West Ham were protected by the woodwork. Five months later, McAlister alone was responsible in what he regarded as his best performance of the season.

While West Ham's spoiling tactics were extensive enough, neither Liverpool, nor an audience in excess of 42,000, deserved further restrictions to be imposed by a pedantic referee. So intrusive was his contribution that Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, who usually reserves judgement, said: "We were not consistent and neither were the officials.

"How can he book five players in a game like that? It was competitive but nothing more than that."

Significantly McMahon, penalized for taking a free kick from the wrong place, and Nicol are only the fifth and sixth Liverpool players to be cautioned.

At least Liverpool stretched their own defensive record — they have not conceded a goal now for 15 hours — even if their lead in the first division was reduced to 15 points. "If an early chance had gone in it would have been a different ball game," Dalglish said. Most observers wished it had been.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, G Ablett, B Venison, S Nicol, N Spackman, A Hansen, P Beardsley, J Aldridge (sub: C Johnston), R Houghton, J Barnes, S McMahon.
WEST HAM UNITED: T McAlister, R Stewart, P Ince, W Bonds, G Strodder, A Gale, M Ward, L Brady, A Dickens (T McQueen), A Cottee, S Robson.
Referee: J McAulay.

Chelsea's fightback to no avail

By Ivo Tennant

Nottingham Forest 3
Chelsea 2

Meritorious though it was to pull back two goals in three minutes, it made no difference in the end. Chelsea's plight — crisis if you like — continues, unaffected by what might have been.

They have not won a League match since October. On Saturday, Nottingham Forest should have run rings around them. For the first 22 minutes they did, this period culminating in Foster's goal. Sensing, perhaps, that here were easy pickings, Forest relaxed and allowed Chelsea's more physical presence to tell. Much the same happened after Forest went two ahead in the second half.

It would take a generous man to describe Chelsea's travelling supporters as sentient, even if, before the kick-off, they were as keen to dwell on the past as was the crowd at Old Trafford. Peter Osgood was their long-lost friend. Yet by nightfall they had remembered Dixon.

The former England forward scored his first goal since October, set up Chelsea's second and, all in all, enhanced his chances of moving elsewhere. He was content, too, with the more adventurous football his team displayed which owed much to the return of Nevin. Now fully fit, it was Nevin who was the fulcrum of just about everything worthwhile Chelsea achieved.

On the opposite wing, and making his debut for Forest, was Crosby, who came from Grantham. It he continues to play like he did, he will have to contend with some awful headlines. He really was on song, hardly straying from the right touchline, neatly scoring Forest's second goal and putting up with some heavy-handed treatment from Wood.

No one was less ruffled by the rather relaxed refereeing than Nigel Clough, another to return after injury and fittingly scoring Forest's third goal, from the penalty spot.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton, G Fleming, S Pearce, D Walker, C Foster (sub: S Chettle), T Wilson, G Crosby, N Webb, N Clough, B Rice (sub: P Starbuck), T Gaynor.
CHELSEA: R Freestone, S Clarke, A Dorigo (sub: C Wilson), C Pates, J McLaughlin, J Bumstead, P Nevin, K Wilson, K Dixon, D Wood, R Wegerle.
Referee: J Lloyd (Wrexham).

RACING

French Goblin will benefit from return to shorter trip

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

French Goblin, from Josh Gifford's in-form Findon stable, looks a sound wager to win the Bet With The Tote Novices' Hurdle at nearby Fontwell Park today, and he is my nap.

Gifford won the corresponding race last year with Brookmount, a similar sort of horse, so he clearly know what is required.

The easy winner of his first race at Towcester in December when he started at the rewarding odds of 11-1, French Goblin then started a warm favourite for his next race at Kempton even though it looked harder. He finished third, beaten a neck and six lengths by Rebel Song and Flying Dancer.

I formed the impression that he did not quite last home over 2½ miles and would benefit with a switch back to a shorter distance, which confronts him now.

However, I have since discovered that it was a combination of circumstances rather than lack of stamina which brought about his defeat.

Eamon Murphy, who rides him again today, had an awful run early on in what was a slowly-run race and was much too far back when the pace quickened.

French Goblin had to make up a lot of ground at the wrong time and got to the front far too soon. As a result, he had nothing left when the first two launched their counter-attack.

Irrespective of excuses, the form still reads pretty well and French Goblin will have learned a good deal from his Kempton run, which was only his second outing in public.

He should be hard to beat in today's company especially as Ambassador, useful horse that ..e was on the Flat, is making his debut over timber.

Simon Sherwood resumes active duty here on his brother Oliver's Warwick winner, Fleet Commander, after breaking an ankle when falling at Newbury five weeks' ago.

However, his best chance of staging a successful comeback lies with **Pollen Bee** in the Amari Novices' Chase even though Eyes and Outside Edge are also in the field.

Oliver Sherwood said yesterday that Pollen Bee would have been the winner of a couple of similar races by now but for sheer bad luck. So he looks a sporting bet to beat the other two drawing his maiden's allowance.

Last time out, at Lingfield, Pollen Bee finished 10 lengths clear of the remainder when he was beaten 1½ lengths by the useful Woodgate.

Cats Eyes has won at Fontwell before being beaten by Outside Edge at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day. But the odds look stacked against him today now that he will be meeting Outside Edge on worse terms.

However, his stable companion **Quickstep** still has the ability to win the Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle a second time, provided that his enthusiasm for racing has not been tarnished by that short spell of steeplechasing which he clearly did not enjoy.

Fresh from that good victory at Ascot last month where he easily accounted for the subsequent Ayr winner Kamir, Tom Caxton can capture the Aalco Silver Jubilee Handicap Chase while **On Her Toes** looks a good bet to win the Pagham Selling Hurdle after turning a similar race at Devon and Exeter on New Year's Day into a procession.

Hopes rising

There is no inspection planned for the meeting at Fontwell today although the going is heavy. Wolverhampton's fixture was abandoned on Saturday.

The meeting at Carlisle meeting tomorrow has also been lost to waterlogging but Warwick, the other scheduled programme, is in no immediate danger. The going will be heavy.

Ten extra fixtures planned

The Levy Board has agreed to finance 10 substitute fixtures in March and April to offset the recent high level of abandoned meetings.

The racecourses staging the new fixtures will receive a special allocation of £10,000 per meeting, plus the daily grant. Full details will be announced by the Jockey Club today.

A separate announcement confirmed that Dr Andrew Higgins has been appointed veterinary adviser to the Jockey Club following the retirement of Brian Singleton.

Impressive Surf Board (nearer camera) keeping Lyphento at bay in Sandown's Ripley Hurdle (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Impressive Celtic Chief receives swift retort as champion sparkles in gallop

By Michael Seely

See You Then put himself firmly on target for his attempt to become the first-ever quadruple winner of the Champion Hurdle when sparkling in a workout on the Faringdon Road Gallop at Lambourn yesterday morning.

"He went a mile with Oliver Sherwood's The West Awake," said Nicky Henderson. "He worked really well and is much more forward than he was in last year's preparation, when there was a panic on."

As in the two previous seasons, Henderson plans to give See You Then just one preliminary race before his date with destiny at Cheltenham on March 16. "I'm grateful to the Hills family for letting us use their facilities," the trainer continued. "I expect to take the horse for a racecourse gallop in the near future."

With the National Hunt Festival now less than six weeks away, Celtic Chief, Mercy Rimell's impressive winner of Saturday's Lee Cooper Hurdle at Sandown, Swingit Gunner and Marly River, "the black arrow of Auteuil," appear to be the young pretenders to the champion's throne.

Colin Tinkler reported that Swingit Gunner had his first serious gallop since beating Gaye Brief at Cheltenham on Saturday and that his November Handicap winner would have his Festival preliminary in the Morebattle Hurdle at Kelso on February 26.

Richard Dunwoody, the star of a spectacular afternoon's sport in the sunshine, with a 48-1 treble to his credit, commented after his victory on Celtic Chief: "He won it when he quickened going to the second last. After that, he was just idling. He's a good horse, all right."

The winner's eight lengths defeat of Celtic Shot, the 6-5 on favourite, came as no surprise to the astute and experienced Mrs Rimell. "I'm not talking with hindsight," she said. "I told the owner on Friday night, that we were sure to beat the favourite. He only beat a lot of handicappers at Windsor, whereas Osric, who finished second to us at Newbury, has since won good-class condition races at Ascot and Kempton."

The first Sandown February meeting traditionally sparks off Festival fever. The bookmakers' representatives bombarded the press with lists of prices. All the 7-1 Celtic Chief was quickly taken and yesterday, when the market had settled, Ladbrokes bet as follows: 9-4 See You Then, 5-1 Celtic Chief, 8-1 Swingit Gunner, 9-1 Marly River, and 12-1 Celtic Shot.

Earlier in the afternoon, a similar furore had been created by Surf Board's spectacular three lengths defeat of Lyphento in the opening Ripley Four-Year-Old Hurdle.

Even allowing for the fact that the new favourite for the Triumph Hurdle was receiving 8lb from the runner-up, Surf Board now has an outstanding chance of giving Henderson his third victory in the four-year-old championship in the past four years.

"I didn't think he'd be forward enough to beat Lyphento first time out," said the trainer. "But he's a sweet little horse and reminds me a lot of Childown, who was killed in the Triumph a few years ago."

The bookmakers were inundated with takers of the 8-1 first offered against Surf Board, who was repeating the stable's victory with Alone Success in the race last year. By the end of the day 5-1 was the top price on offer.

Henderson also reported having purchased Molojec, who was beaten a short head by Admiral's All at Cheltenham, from Terry Ramsden on Friday.

Dunwoody's other two victories were gained for David Nicholson, who landed a spectacular double by winning the Tote Bookmaker's Handicap Chase with Long Engagement and the Lee Cooper Gainsborough Chase with Charter Party.

Both horses are now bound for Cheltenham. "Long Engagement will run in either the Grand Annual or the Queen Mother Two Mile Champion Chase and Charter Party in the Gold Cup or the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap," the trainer said.

Nicholson was plainly overjoyed by the return of his stable jockey. "While he's been away, I had the world and his wife riding for me," he said. "I can't say that I've been too impressed."

Pressed further on this subject yesterday, he warmed to his theme: "One thing I can't abide is jockeys who don't try or do their best. I'm not naming any names, but they know who they are. I feel very strongly about this. Apart from three or four, there's a big void at the top."

Jumping magnificently, Charter Party, making full use of the 17lb he was receiving from Desert Orchid, mastered the long-time leader at the second fence from home to regain the ability which won him the National Hunt Handicap in 1986, eventually winning by eight lengths. Rhyme 'N' Reason came home strongly to deprive Desert Orchid of second place by a neck.

David Elsworth, as professional as ever, even with the news about Cavvies Clown hanging over his head, was full of praise for his defeated pair. "I'm proud of both of them," he said. "Desert Orchid ran a marvellous race and is as good as ever. He'll have his prep race for the Gold Cup in the Jim Ford at Wincanton.

"Rhyme 'N' Reason has Grand National written all over him," the trainer added. "He's cautious and looks after himself. But he jumps well and stays all day." This resolute battler is likely to be installed one of the market leaders for the world's greatest steeplechase when the Grand National weights are announced tomorrow.

Moore injured in pile-up

Jockey Stan Moore was detained overnight in hospital with a left-shoulder injury following a four-horse pile-up in the final race, the Lee Cooper Novices' Hurdle, at Sandown.

Moore, who had won earlier on 25-1 chance Hill-Street-Blues, came down on Bentley at the last bend, bringing down three others.

Amateur David Robinson was treated for a damaged right eye, Menin Muggeridge was bruised but Ted Waite escaped injury.

Earlier in the same race, Robert Chapman was concussed when Wot No Seal fell.

FONTWELL PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Western Tint.
2.00 On Her Toes.
2.30 Tom Caxton.
3.00 FRENCH GOBLIN (nap).
3.30 Pollen Bee.
4.00 Quickstep.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Neblin. 3.00 French Goblin. 4.00 QUICKSTEP (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 ON HER TOES.

Going: heavy

1.30 AMREF CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE (£1,786: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

3	4-31P02	WESTERN TINT 21 (D,F) (M Pinto) Miss L Bower 8-11-1	W Irvine	93
5	31323/F	BUCKS GREEN 25 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Trafford) J Gifford 10-10-8	T Pinfield	—
6	0P33-04	DEVIL'S ARROW 111 (J Peters) M Madgwick 7-10-8	D Morris	80
8	000	FAROLITO 65 (F) (L Bowman) L Bowman 9-10-8	P Bowman (4)	—
10	0FP/PPP	GRAHAMES PADDY 66 (G Dedman) Mrs P Townsley 8-10-8	M Hoad	—
11	42-F023	GREEN RIDGE 24 (Unicol Holdings Ltd) S Mellor 9-10-8	S Cowley	● 99
13	0/0	OKEYDOKE 95 (Sir K Butt) T Forster 8-10-8	C Llewellyn	—
14	02000-2	PHAROAH'S LAEN 23 (T Johnsey) M Pipe 7-10-8	S Woods	—
15	00P0/0-0	POLO BOY 104 (G Balding) G Balding 8-10-8	S Hodgson (4)	—
16	UPU-0F0	SANDYMOUNT HOUSE 21 (S) (Mrs M Bridgwater) K Bridgwater 8-10-8	N Fearn	—
17	0-30P00	SNOWBALL JIM 21 (F) (Mrs M Greene) P Howling 8-10-8	—	75
18	40F/0F3	THE SOMAC 19 (F,G,S) (E Savage) E Savage 11-10-8	R Supple (4)	83
19	0-FP404	UP AT DAWN 21 (E Treacy) J Bridger 8-10-8	P Cooney (4)	70

BETTING: 5-2 Green Ridge, 7-2 Pharoah's Laen, 4-1 Western Tint, 6-1 Bucks Green, 8-1 Devil's Arrow, 12-1 Okeydoke, Polo Boy, 14-1 The Somac, Sandymount House, 16-1 Snowball Jim, 20-1 others.

1987: (2m 2f 110yd) BRAVEN 13-11-1 G Landau (7-1) D Wintle 12 ran

FORM WESTERN TINT (10-8) 2nd stayed on when beaten 4l by Flamenco Dancer (10-2) here (3m 2f, £2250, soft, Jan 18, 17 ran).
BUCKS GREEN in need of the outing when a faller at 17th when beaten in a race won by Lanacre Bridge.
GREEN RIDGE (9-7) 3rd lacked pace 2 out beaten 8½l by Tom Caxton (10-6) at Ascot (2m, £2991, heavy, Jan 15, 8 ran).
PHAROAH'S LAEN (9-9) 2nd; darted to the left after the last when running on close home, beaten 5l by Danish Chief (10-0) at Market Rasen (3m, £2249, soft, Jan 16, 11 ran).
THE SOMAC (9-7) 3rd beaten 15½l by Tracys Special (10-12) at Windsor (3m, £2271, soft, Jan 20, 9 ran).
Selection: GREEN RIDGE

2.0 PAGHAM SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £901: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

1		ALDINGTON CHAP (C Wheatley) C Trietline 10-12	W Humphreys (4)	—
2	P0	BALLY FRENCHMAN 103 (V) (Mrs C Fortescue) A Davison 10-12	R Rowe	—
3	003	BORRETO 39 (A Shaw) C James 10-12	D Browne	86
4	FPP	CARPET CAPERS 75 (D Caplin) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-12	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)	—
5	04P	FAIRTHORNE LAD 25 (R Bastiani) M Madgwick 10-12	M Perrett	75
6	000	HAIL CRITIQUE 41 (J Dayani) D A Wilson 10-12	P Scudamore	—
7	300000	LITTLE TIMING 11 (J Joseph) D Elsworth 10-12	R Arnott	89
9	U	CARSE KELLY 25 (K McCarthy) J Davies 10-7	M Furlong	—
10	2	GOLD 'N SOFT 11 (P Doyle) J O'Shea 10-7	J D Doyle	85
11	F01	ON HER TOES 38 (S) (J Coulson) R Frost 10-7	J Frost	● 99
13	00PP	WAR CHILD 21 (J Bird) A Moore 10-7	G Moore	80

BETTING: 7-4 On Her Toes, 7-2 Borretto, 4-1 Gold 'N Soft, 6-1 Little Timing, 8-1 Hail Critique, 10-1 Bally Frenchman, 12-1 Fairthorne Lad, 14-1 Aldington Chap, 16-1 others.

1987: LA GRANDE DAME 10-0 D Gallagher (6-1) R Simpson 19 ran

FORM BORRETO (10-7) 3rd beaten 7½l by Falling Shadow (10-2) at Leicester (2m, £1100, heavy, Dec 31, 14 ran).
GOLD'N SOFT (10-2) 2nd stayed on at the finish beaten 2l by Nuns Royale (9-9) with LITTLE TIMING (10-7) 8th beaten 36l at Taunton (2m 1f, £761, heavy, Jan 28, 11 ran).
HAIL CRITIQUE (10-6), in better company, 5th beaten 49l by Silver Ocean (10-3) at Plumpton (2m, £835, heavy, Dec 29, 16 ran).
ON HER TOES (10-5) clear after the last and came away to win well by 12l from Harrison (11-6) at Devon (2m 1f, £707, heavy, Jan 1, 14 ran).
Selection: ON HER TOES

2.30 AALCO SILVER JUBILEE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,609: 2m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

2	U3312P	NEBLIN 16 (F,G,S) (A Leather) G Balding 9-11-10	R Guest	92
3	2-22120	PUKKA MAJOR 18 (F,S) (Mrs S Jones) O Sherwood 7-11-5	Mr T Thomson Jones	94
5	0-02311	TOM CAXTON 24 (G,S) (M O'Connor) J King 7-10-9	S McNeill	98
6	UFFU13	HETTINGER 9 (S) (Miss L Quick) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-5	R Goldstein	97
7	24U31P	KING'S JUG 9 (C,G,S) (F Gray) F Gray 10-10-4	E Murphy	● 99
8	0-04043	AUTUMN ZULU 40 (CD,S) (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 9-10-2	R Rowell	88
9	30-0P00	VALLEY JUSTICE 20 (B,S) (A Carver) C Trietline 8-10-0	W Humphreys (4)	—
10	F-P6004	FADA 82 (CD,G,S) (B Broad) J Bosley 11-10-0	M Bosley	89

BETTING: 5-2 Tom Caxton, 7-2 Neblin, 4-1 Pukka Major, 9-2 King's Jug, 7-1 Hettinger, 10-1 Autumn Zulu, 16-1 Valley Justice, 20-1 Fada.

1987: FEARLESS IMP 12-11-1 B Powell (8-1) R Shepherd 9 ran

FORM NEBLIN latest pulled up at the last in a contest won by Raise An Argument; earlier (11-5) 2nd beaten 3l by the highly rated Saffron Lord (11-5) at Ascot (2m, £9604, heavy, Jan 15, 6 ran).
PUKKA MAJOR (11-5) 6th beaten 45½l by Flarey Sark (10-9) at Newbury (2m 4f, £2435, heavy, Jan 21, 8 ran).
TOM CAXTON (10-6) made all to win well by 7l from Kamir (11-6) at Ascot (2m, £2991, heavy, Jan 15, 8 ran).
KING'S JUG latest pulled up last in contest won by Lucky Rascal; earlier (10-6) won by 10l from Vodkatini (12-0) with AUTUMN ZULU (10-12) 3rd beaten 22l here (2m 4f, £2981, soft, Dec 30, 7 ran).
HETTINGER, his jumping is much improved, (11-4) 3rd beaten 26l by Highway Express (10-0) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £6087, heavy, Jan 30, 8 ran).
Selection: NEBLIN

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.0 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES HURDLE (Listed race: £4,097: 2m 2f) (9 runners)

3		AMBASSADOR (B) (Fairford Wholesale Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-3	P Scudamore	—
4	0110	BILLILLA 10 (CD,S) (Miss H Stratton) G Balding 5-11-3	R Guest	● 99
6	4P-0P41	FLEET COMMANDER 40 (S) (M Meade) O Sherwood 5-11-3	S Sherwood	96
7	13	FRENCH GOBLIN 16 (BF,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-3	E Murphy	98
10	30-1100	MATBAR 30 (CD,S) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 5-11-3	G McCourt	98
15	01	WESTWAY 61 (S) (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 5-11-3	R Goldstein	88
16	DF0323	LA SHAKA 18 (S Allen) A Moore 5-10-12	G Moore	90
17	02130	THE GRIFTER 30 (G) (T Burrage) M Madgwick 4-10-12	H Davies	96
18	411	FALLING SHADOW 23 (S) (Mrs M Taylor) J Pearce 4-10-7	J McLaughlin	96

BETTING: 3-1 French Goblin, 4-1 Billila, 9-2 Falling Shadow, 5-1 Fleet Commander, 8-1 Ambassador, 10-1 Matbar, 12-1 The Grifter, 14-1 Westway, 16-1 La Shaka.

1987: BROOKMOUNT 5-11-3 R Rowe (9-2) J Gifford 10 ran

FORM AMBASSADOR a good performer on the Flat from 9f to 2m.
BILLILLA (11-0) 5th beaten over 40l by Dromlin Hill (11-0) at Doncaster (2m, £6906, good to soft, Jan 29, 9 ran).
FLEET COMMANDER (11-0) got up on the flat to win by 3l from Barry Window (11-0) at Warwick (2m, £1114, soft, Dec 30, 25 ran).
FRENCH GOBLIN (11-0) 3rd came late on the scene when beaten 6l, nk by Rebel Song (11-0) at Kempton (2m 4f, £2792, heavy, Jan 23, 19 ran).
MATBAR (11-10) 5th beaten 16½l by Under Offer (10-11) at Sandown (2m 5f, £3823, soft, Jan 9, 19 ran).
LA SHAKA (11-3) 3rd beaten 14l by Esha Ness (11-8) at Lingfield (2m, £754, heavy, Jan 21, 13 ran).
FALLING SHADOW (11-0) was a well-backed favourite and won very easily by 8l from Laochail (10-10) at Market Rasen (2m, £2213, soft, Jan 16, 20 ran).
Selection: FRENCH GOBLIN

3.30 AMARI NOVICES CHASE (£1,711: 3m 2f 110yd) (15 runners)

1	304-121	CATS EYES 21 (B,G,S) (T Chandler) M Pipe 8-12-0	P Scudamore	95
2	03P0FF	FAST ESCAPE 21 (CD,F) (Mrs D Wigan) J Gifford 7-11-8	R Rowe	78
3	0/82-010	OUTSIDE EDGE 30 (S) (B Kilpatrick) D Murray-Smith 7-11-8	P Croucher	● 99
4	20P-F00	BOYNE SALMON 21 (S) (T Duke) Miss L Bower 8-11-2	R Rowell	77
5	03329/0	BROKEN FLIGHT 18 (F,S) (L Wells) J Davies 11-11-2	A Jones	—
7	B-3PP33	COUNT FREDERICK 40 (F) (J Woolgar) S Dow 8-11-2	J Duggan	71
8	00030/P	COUNTRY PARK 39 (M Stevens) J Bosley 8-11-2	M Bosley	—
10	FP-UFUU	FADING DAWN 21 (O Henley) Mrs P Townsley 11-11-2	Mr P Townsley	—
11	32-0003	FRIENDLY HENRY 41 (R Wright) J Fox 8-11-2	B Powell	96
13	000002	HARBOUR BRIDGE 40 (V,F,S) (Mrs A Lacey) P Bailey 8-11-2	M Richards	70
16	080-460	MARTIAL COMMANDER 36 (S) (G Enright) G Enright 8-11-2	M Perrett	—
18	3-UR042	POLLEN BEE 32 (G,S) (Mrs L Drasher) O Sherwood 7-11-2	C Cox	89
20	0042-20	UNICOL 58 (Unicol Group Ltd) S Mellor 6-11-2	G Landau	—
21	FPF0	BLADON PARK 32 (Mrs L Marsh) R Armytage 6-10-11	Gee Armytage	—
24	FP/PF-	ROVING SEAL 415 (D Bell) W G M Turner 6-10-11	K Traylor (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 Cats Eyes, 3-1 Pollen Bee, 7-2 Outside Edge, 7-1 Friendly Henry, 14-1 Harbour Bridge, 16-1 Unicol, 20-1 Count Frederick, Fast Escape, 25-1 others.

1987: BOREEN KING 6-10-12 G Landau (12-1) S Mellor 15 ran

FORM CATS EYES (11-2) won by 7l from River Trout (10-5) here (2m 4f, £1220, soft, Jan 18, 10 ran).
OUTSIDE EDGE (11-2) 5th beaten 39l by the useful Tonights The Night (11-2) at Sandown (2m 4f, £4760, good to soft, Jan 9, 7 ran).
Earlier OUTSIDE EDGE (11-0) won by 2l from CATS EYES (11-4) at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, £3218, soft, Dec 26, 13 ran).
FRIENDLY HENRY (11-11) 3rd beaten 18l by Team Challenge (11-3) at Stratford (3m 2f, £1046, good to soft, Dec 29, 7 ran).
POLLEN BEE (11-5) 2nd beaten 1½l by Woodgate (11-7) at Lingfield (3m, £2415, heavy, Jan 7, 14 ran).
Selection: OUTSIDE EDGE

4.0 MECCA BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,725: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

2	00-1232	QUICKSTEP 32 (B,CD,BF,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-11-10	P Scudamore	● 99
3	110334	MAN O'MAGIC 21 (CD,F,G,S) (J Greig) K Bailey 7-11-7	P Croucher	95
5	1-13213	SAN CARLOS 11 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 6-11-5	I Lawrence (7)	90
8	40-F34P	LIGHT THE LOT 16 (F) (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 7-10-2	S Sherwood	96
9	1110/00	FANDANGO LIGHT 27 (CD,S) (N Viney) D Elsworth 7-10-1	R Arnott	—
12	000P-00	WINDBREAKER 21 (G,S) (A Moore) A Moore 10-10-0	Candy Moore (4)	90
13	F2/00-00	INHERIT 21 (CD,G,S) (G Saunders) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-0	R Goldstein	94
14	F1-0000	WINNING DANCER 32 (S) (J Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 5-10-0	R Rowell	93
15	F040-F0	FAARIS 21 (G) (Mrs E Boucher) P Howling 7-10-0	M Furlong	80
16	3020-00	TAXIADS 32 (S) (Mrs K Lansbury) R Curtis 6-10-0	Gee Armytage	86
17	00012-3	MOORLAND LADY 38 (F) (Mrs M McGovern) P Hedger 6-10-0	P Corrigan	85
18	0F0/11-P	PIN'S PRIDE 16 (CD,G) (Mrs E Pinto) J Gifford 6-10-0	E Murphy	92

BETTING: 3-1 Quickstep, 4-1 Man O'Magic, 5-1 Light The Lot, 6-1 San Carlos, 7-1 Fandango Light, 8-1 Inherit, 12-1 Pin's Pride, 16-1 Moorland Lady, Winning Dancer, 20-1 others.

1987: QUICKSTEP 6-11-12 P Scudamore (7-4 fav) M Pipe 20 ran

FORM QUICKSTEP, this season has been chasing, most recent outing over hurdles (10-1) 6th beaten 8½l to Inlander (10-8) at Haydock in a good contest (2m, £20357, good to firm, May 4, 8 ran).
MAN O' MAGIC (11-2) 4th beaten 13l by Yale (11-7) here (2m 2f, £2582, soft, Jan 18, 11 ran).
SAN CARLOS (10-7) 3rd beaten 12l by Star's Delight (10-0) at Taunton (2m 1f, £3960, heavy, Jan 28, 7 ran).
FANDANGO LIGHT (11-1) 6th beaten 43l by Moel Fammau (10-0) at Newton Abbot (2m, £2152, heavy, Jan 12, 9 ran).
MOORLAND LADY (10-9) 3rd beaten 8¼l by Celtic Bob (9-7) at Windsor (2m, £2189, good to soft, Jan 1, 17 ran).
PIN'S PRIDE latest pulled up 2 out in contest won by Fingest; earlier (11-5) won by 6l from Wrong Righted (11-0) here (2m 4f, £1237, good, Nov 4, 16 ran).
Selection: QUICKSTEP

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	12	41	29.3
J Gifford	33	126	26.2
D Elsworth	6	23	26.1
R Armytage	6	25	24.0
S Mellor	4	17	23.5
J Jenkins	15	78	19.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Bosley	4	17	23.5
S Sherwood	10	45	22.2
Mr T T Jones	4	19	21.1
E Murphy	11	58	19.0
R Rowe	25	132	18.9
Penny F-Heyes	5	29	17.2

Power star on course for festival

Toby Tobias, the winner of the Navan Hurdle at that course on Saturday, will be trainer Con Power's first Cheltenham runner when he goes for the Sun Alliance Hurdle at the festival next month (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

The six-year-old, successful in two bumper races but recording his first success over hurdles, was an impressive winner, taking up the running from Inner Sanctum halfway down the straight and drawing 10 lengths clear by the line. He will have one more race before Cheltenham, probably in the Hillcrest Hurdle at Leopardstown.

Michael Butler had the first double of his training career when Kings Hill and Mystery Rose won their respective divisions of the Boardsmill Stud Flat Race. Michael rode Kings Hill but his moment of triumph was tarnished by a £50 fine for excessive use of the whip.

Last season's Irish Grand National winner Britanny Boy, for whom a Ir£100,000 offer was turned down some weeks ago, will be out of action for the remainder of the season with a lung infection. He had been intended Gold Cup runner.

Shaindy enjoys facile victory

Shaindy, who was a close-up third behind Balawaki and Oakworth in the Prix Robert Papin last summer, had little trouble justifying favouritism in the £4,500 Prix de l'Herault (6½ furlongs), at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Bluebell Copse (Paul Cook) and Chateau Perigord (John Reid), the two British hopes, trailed in eighth and 11th, respectively, in the 18-runner field.

Shaindy, who scored by 1½ lengths from Free on Board, paid 2.40 a win and 2.00 a place, including a one franc stake.

- West Country jockey Robert Bellamy has turned professional and leaves Martin Pipe to join David Nicholson as a conditional jockey.

Jack Watts dies

Former Newmarket trainer Jack Watts has died aged 76. Watts took out his licence in 1950, and succeeded George Colling as Lord Derby's trainer. His greatest success was in the 1964 St Leger with Charles Engelhard's Indiana. He leaves a widow and one son, Richmond trainer Bill Watts.

POINT-TO-POINT

Victorious reprieve for Trust The King

By Brian Beel

Trust The King, who was destined for the knacker yard last year, was the surprise 33-1 winner of the second division of the mixed open race at the **Staff College And RMA Sandhurst Drag Hunt** point-to-point on Saturday.

Trust The King showed useful form as a six-year-old, but since winning a novice chase at Towcester four years ago has been disappointing.

The gelding developed colic, when trained by Charles Vernon Miller, and was about to be put down, but was offered to Philip Pritchard who sent him for an operation that removed a large amount of his intestine. The operation does not have a high success rate.

However, on Saturday Trust The King, ridden by Pritchard, showed something like his best form when disposing of Beau N'Idol and the favourite, Highland Blaze, ridden respectively by Mike Felton and David Naylor-Leyland.

With Philip Scholfield taking fourth place, the three-title chasers were being seen in action against each other for the second time in the afternoon.

Earlier, in division one of the open, Scholfield came out best of the three on Golden Hornet, but not good enough to beat Alexandra Embiricos on King Ba Ba. The winner had been confined to hunter chases last season.

King Ba Ba's time, one second better than Paddy's Peril, the mount of John Deutsch in the third division, was the fastest of the afternoon.

The Audi qualifier was won in impressive fashion by Curaheen Boy for Naylor-Leyland who completed a double by winning the maiden on Broonies Taing.

Now that he has got his jumping together Broonies Taing can be expected to go on to much better things.

Didling Down, whom he beat into second place, looks certain to lose his maiden certificate in his next outing.

The season started well for Pauline Robson when she won the first two races at **The Old Raby Hunt Club** on Ashbender, in the Maiden, and Kimswa, the Ladies.'

The Audi qualifier was won by Mademist Susie, the favourite, from Sun 'N' Rayne and Micke Cinders.

Mademist Susie, who started last season as a maiden and then ran up a sequence of four wins, is going to be difficult to beat in open races.

Michael Bloom has his horses well forward and saddled three winners, two of which gave first time riding successes to their owners.

The first of these, Sandy Soames, did well on Den Beanz to beat Willie Sporborg's Greenwood Lad who ran here after the abandonment of Sandown Park on Friday.

In the maiden race, which was run in two divisions, it was Tim Papworth in the first of these who had his initial success when Fiddawn Hill came home by 12 lengths from Castle Psalm.

Lucy Gibbon was seen at her best in the ladies' race. After being well behind early on, she made a brilliant recovery when Kula was on his nose at the 12th fence.

After that mistake he never put a foot wrong and made up ground until catching Matchplay, who had taken up the running at the 13th, two fences from home. The issue was then never in doubt and he won going away by six lengths.

EASTON HARRIERS: Hunt: 1, Bara Sidy; 2, Autumn Lady; 3, Annie. Adj: 1, Midsummer Gladness, 2, Regal Pleasure; 3, Double Turn. Open: 1, Den Beanz; 2, Greenwood Lad; 3, Noan Wood. Ladies: 1, Kula; 2, Matchplay; 3, Riot Artist. Rest: 1, Annadine; 2, Gillian's Pet; 3, Irish Poacher. Mdn I: 1, Fiddawn Hill; 2, Castle Farm; 3 Shantung. Mdn II: 1, Procerus; 2, The Begrudger; 3, Border Kelly.

OLD RABY HUNT CLUB: Mdn: 1, Ashbender; 2, Great Tarquin; 3 Castle Pan. Ladies: 1, Kimswa; 2, Plannad; 3, Fortina's Express. Open: 1, Rapid Gunner; 2, Winning Brief; 3, Tartevie. Audi Adj: 1, Mademist Susie; 2, Sun 'N' Rayne; 3, Mickey Cinders. Rest: 1, Par Kelly; 2, Count Mides; 3, Nite Of Spring. Members: 1, Misunderstood; 2, Likely Tale; 3, Charnez Les Bas.

STAFF COLLEGE AND RMA SANDHURST: Hunt: 1, Deep Cross; 2, Provide; 3, Philos. Open I: 1, King Ba Ba; 2, Golden Hornet; 3, Political Whip. Audi Adj: 1, Curaheen Boy; 2, Lothian General; 3, Normal Approach. Open II: 1, Trust The King; 2, Beau N'Idol; 3, Highland Blaze. Mdn: 1, Broonie's Taing; 2, Didling Down; 3, Streamer. Open III: 1, Paddy's Peril; 2, Angel Bank; 3, Sutton Prince. Army: 1, Prince Pippin; 2, Desert Fox; 3, Lucky Friday.

Sandown results

12.50 1, Surf Board (5-1); 2, Lyphento (10-11 fav); 3, Tranby Croft (33-1). 13 ran. NR: Crystal Hawk.

1.25 1, Long Engagement (5-4 fav); 2, Clay Hill (11-2); 3, Rhoecus (8-1). 6 ran.

1.55 1, Hill-Street-Blues (25-1); 2, Ruby Flight (14-1); 3, Mynah Key (10-1); 4, Slalom (15-8 fav). 17 ran.

2.30 1, Charter Party (100-30 fav); 2, Rhyme 'N' Reason (7-2); 3, Desert Orchid (7-2). 11 ran. NR: Darkojon.

3.0 1, Celtic Chief (4-1); 2, Celtic Shot (5-6 fav); 3, Pat's Jester (5-1). 7 ran. NR: Leshkafdal.

3.35 1, Yeoman Broker (7-4); 2, Southernair (11-2); 3, Bonanza Boy (6-4 fav). 5 ran.

4.10 1, Relekto (7-1); 2, Serious Man (12-1); 3, Dawn Prince (50-1). Johnssons Glory 11-4 fav. 24 ran.

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stake
M Pipe	58	43	20	14	-26.25J
J Gifford	51	33	34	0	+93.95
W Stephenson	50	30	40	7	-52.14
G Richards	43	28	31	7	-66.48
D Elsworth	32	21	20	6	-3.44
G Moore	32	16	14	6	+12.31
D Nicholson	28	20	18	0	-22.07
G Balding	28	24	16	15	-55.97
T Forster	27	20	27	13	-43.51
J Edwards	27	19	16	6	-6.72
Mrs J Pitman	22	26	8	6	+6.77

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
P Scudamore	75	58	33	10	-55.58
P Tuck	48	28	27	9	-62.88
C Grant	44	37	36	11	-58.59
S Sherwood	37	33	26	9	-35.28
M Hammond	36	19	16	4	+26.06
R Rowe	36	27	19	1	+32.14
R Dunwoody	35	33	42	1	-80.75
G McCourt	33	26	22	17	+17.03
C Llewellyn	29	23	22	12	-10.07
M Dwyer	28	40	23	19	-94.81
P Croucher	24	22	12	4	+3.24

RUGBY UNION: AN ENCOURAGING LIFT-OFF BY WALES AND A TWENTY-THREE-POINT LANDING BY SCOTLAND IN THE FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Streetwise Welsh on grand road

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England 3
Wales 11

Without drawing any premature conclusions, the last time a Welshman scored two tries at Twickenham in his country's first match of the five nations' championship Wales went on to a grand slam: the year was 1976, the player was J. P. R. Williams and the sequence of Welsh matches was the same as it is this season.

I toss that in as a historical fact in the wake of the two excellent tries which Hadley scored at Twickenham on Saturday as Wales won the British Gas Challenge match by two tries and a dropped goal to a penalty. It would be foolish to suggest that this Welsh team is comparable to that of 12 years ago; nevertheless it was an encouraging start to the championship and the most pleasing feature for the Welsh selectors must have been the tactical appreciation their players brought to the match.

The Welsh are better than any of the other home unions, at club or international level, at adapting to circumstances; streetwise they call it. They played a psychologically excellent first five minutes, they weighed up how the referee wanted the game to go, notably in the matter of rucked ball, and they were then able to cope with everything England had to offer in the first half.

In that scoreless first half Ring was adrift with a penalty and Davies with two dropped goals. In the course of it Wales lost Phillips, their hooker, with a badly bruised hip which had caused him discomfort from early in the game. They therefore had to accommodate a second new cap in the tight forwards, Watkins, of Ebbw Vale, but how well he and May, the other newcomer, played subsequently.

The best aspect of Watkins's game was his throwing-in to the lineout, where Norster's second-half performance was exceptional and brought parity (and quick ball for Jones) in that area. Young also deserves mention: that he plays as well as he does at tight-head prop at 20 is remarkable and Norster, for one, believes that in three or four years he will be the outstanding player in his position in Britain.

What were England doing while all this was going on? Well, they were playing a thoroughly worthy game which several times took them deep into the Welsh 22, where they had neither the wit nor the strength either to score or, indeed, remain for sustained periods. It is an obvious thing to say but the game begins again when one side reaches the other 22 and England, with the same players, have gone a whole game in Paris (and Scotland's result at Murrayfield has added perspective to that showing) and half a game at Twickenham without grasping the opportunity their approach work has brought them.

Territorially, they had much the better of the first half, yet could have turned round trailing by four or six points had not Webb effected a marvellous tackle on Davies after the little Welshman had made 40 metres nearly to the try line.

Their one genuine scoring chance had come with a splendid forward drive; Simms sliced down the centre and found Rendall; five metres out, the Welsh regrouped, Melville could not seize the ball as Welsh hands and feet went in and, where England might have expected, at the very least, a five-metre scrum when Davies knocked on, or even a penalty for offside, all they got was a lineout 20 metres back when a Welsh boot hacked the ball away.

Otherwise they were limited to a 40-metre break by Melville — which must have brought a try if any support had gone with him — and Webb's goal-kicking, and it is arguable that Webb's only successful kick of three (though the second hit a post) should not have been taken at all since at that stage, with five minutes left and 11 points down, England surely had to go for broke.

England have a month to consider their shortcomings, among them the fact that their backs pose no threat to the opposition. They look (excluding Webb, who had a fine defensive game) for all the world like six men waiting for another to come among them and provide the opportunities off which they can play. In their defence it may be said that the ball reached the stand-off half very few times

It might have been worth testing the novice full back, Clement, more than once in the first half but England were so intent on playing their scrum half/back row game and driving for position that they neglected to do so.

Clement eluded two English tacklers under a high ball to set up the move from which Hadley, after neat passing with Ring, scored his first try midway through the second half. The second came when Davies looped back behind the forwards, Ring found support from Collins and Norster before Bowen sent Hadley powering away from Cusworth's despairing tackle for a try in the same north-west corner.

It merely remained for Davies to drop a high goal behind a scrum and Webb his penalty after a collapsed Welsh scrum.

SCORERS: England: Penalty: Webb. Wales: Tries: Hadley (2). Dropped goal: Davies.
ENGLAND: J M Webb (Bristol); M E Harrison (England, captain), W D C Carling (Durham University), K G Simms (Wasps), R Underwood (Leicester); L Cusworth (Leicester), N D Melville (Wasps); P A G Rendall (Wasps), B C Moore (Nottingham), J A Probyn (Wasps), M G Skinner (Harlequins), J Orwin (Bedford), W A Dooley (Fylde), P J Winterbottom (Headingley), D Richards (Leicester).
WALES: A Clement (Swansea); I C Evans (Llanelli), M G Ring (Pontypool), B Bowen (South Wales Police, captain), A M Hadley (Cardiff); J Davies (Llanelli), R N Jones (Swansea); S T Jones (Pontypool), K H Phillips (Neath) (rep, I Watkins, Ebbw Vale), D Young (Swansea), R Phillips (Neath), P May (Llanelli), R L Norster (Cardiff), R G Collins (South Wales Police), W P Moriarty (Swansea).
Referee: S R Hilditch (Ireland).

Five nations championship

	P	W	L	F	A	Pt
France	2	1	1	24	32	2
Ireland	1	1	0	22	18	2
Scotland	2	1	1	41	33	2
Wales	1	1	0	11	3	2
England	2	0	2	12	21	0

Piggyback: the combined talents of Melville, Winterbottom and Cusworth cannot deprive *Hadley* of his second try for Wales (Photo: Steve Yarnell)

England's missing ingredients

DAVID KIRK, captain of New Zealand's World Cup winning side, gives his view of the events at Twickenham on Saturday.

I thought England would beat Wales on Saturday. I was in Paris to see them lose, not for lack of ability or commitment but, for two fleeting moments, a lack of confidence. And it is the fleeting moments that count in internationals.

Like countless New Zealanders who are wont to brood on teams selected for international matches, I believed England would win because rugby matches are won by the team that more often wins and retains the ball.

That is not to say they are won and lost in the forwards. The forwards win the ball and the backs make sure they have a better than even (hopefully much better than even) chance of winning it back when and where they choose.

So I believed England would win because they possessed a formidable *lineout, a solid scrum, and direction and* tactical flexibility behind the scrum that ought to have assured them of the choice of which part of the field the game was to be played.

Conversely, I believed Wales lacked the firepower in the forwards to dominate possession and, having picked the slighter, skilful type of midfield backs, had fewer tactical options than England.

New Zealand teams have recently been called efficient, machine-like and boring, and I understand why. It is the inevitable consequence of an on-field plan that strives for control . . . control of the set-pieces, control of the rucks and mauls and, subsequently, control of the position on the field in which the game is played.

That control comes down to one thing — control of the ball. And control of the ball comes down to ball skills, especially among the forwards. The aim is, of course, to keep the ball for the whole game. And that requires absolute elimination of errors.

Neither side demonstrated consistent control of anything on Saturday. England had their chance in the first half to imprint their pattern on the match. Good, consistent lineout ball, and forwards who ran and passed admirably, brought them territorial and, probably, psychological superiority. But not points. And that was because they were never able to apply the relentless pressure that control brings . . . the pressure that comes from winning three or four consecutive lineouts, keeping the put-in at the scrum, retaining the ball in the tackle and the elimination of errors.

Wales were similarly unable to dominate or control the match, but they found, in Norster, a man by whom they could win three of four successive lineouts.

Bonnie princes send French to the guillotine

By Bryan Stiles

Scotland 23
France 12

There will be no French Revolution, Jacques Fouroux insisted after the smoke of battle had drifted away from *Murrayfield*, leaving his troops in disarray. Those supportive words will be of little comfort to them. Like many others, they must have heard the not-too-distant rumble of the tumbrils; the time for guillotining has arrived. The royals of European rugby have *lost the appetite to rule*.

Across the Channel the public and the critics had been baying for blood even before France had scraped home against England three weeks earlier. Now perhaps they will want the head of *Le Petit Général*, too, but how can they top the man who will be the next king — or at least president — of French rugby?

Surprisingly, Fouroux, who has stuck unflinchingly by his unpopular team selections that brought France the grand slam last year and took them to the final of the Wirld Cup last summer, reveals himself as a sentimental man.

He is reluctant to discard players who have won so much glory on the field. "France owes them a big debt of gratitude for what they have done in the past three years," he said. "I will have to speak with them before I do anything. There will be no revolution." Perhaps, but the sound of sharpened knitting needles is deafening.

The day belonged to Scotland. As the vanquished left Murrayfield to regroup, the Scots were celebrating a glorious triumph. The margin of their victory, two tries, a dropped goal and four penalty goals to a goal, a dropped goal and a penalty goal, was conclusive. With just three changes in the team that had been whipped by Ireland three weeks earlier, the Scots produced a stirring performance that ended the French domination of the five nations championship and leaves the door ajar for what is likely to be an exciting finish.

The Scottish selectors had correctly diagnosed the deficiencies and eradicated them. Their pack roamed Murrayfield with a hunger and ruthlessness that put the French to flight and created the base for some incisive attacking play. Their back row foraged and harried with such conviction that the French were unable to set up the forward surges on which much of their recent successs has been built.

Only in the desperate dying minutes were the French pack able to mount their dextrous handling movements. It brought a try for *Lagisquet but* by then it was too late, the Scots had the game in their pocket.

With their defence in ruins, the French frequently lost the discipline that Fouroux has imprinted on their play and they resorted to old habits, conceding *territory* and penalties. Scotland were given plenty of ammunition by Cronin, the Bath lock, from the lineout. Cronin's splendid performances in his two games for Scotland make it difficult to understand why he has been confined to Bath's substitutes' bench. It must have puzzled him, too; he is taking his skills north, having accepted a job at Inverness.

Last year Sole, his Bath and Scotland team colleague, defected to Edinburgh Academicals. The traffic is not all one way. Gavin Hastings is hoping to play for London Scottish before the end of the season.

Hastings revels in his encounters with the French, who have not won at Murrayfield for 10 years. He collected 16 points with his four penalties and a first-half try that gave Scotland a 7-6 lead. What an imaginative score it was. He charged down Lagisquet's chip on Scotland's 22-metre line and galloped down the touchline before kicking ahead. Berbizier, the French scrum half, tried to fly-hack to touch but Hastings blocked the kick, winning the chase for the ball over the line.

Lescarboura and Cramb had registered a dropped goal apiece and Berot a penalty, but while the French stand-off struggled with limited possession Cramb rose in international stature, producing neat, intelligent work.

Tukalo rounded off the first-half scoring with an unconverted try after superb work by Calder and Turnbull to give Scotland a 11-6 lead. With Scotland dominant for most of the second half, Gavin Hastings harvested four penalties and Lagisquet his try, which Berot converted.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: G Hastings, Tukalo. Dropped goal: Cramb. Penalty goals: *G Hastings (4)*. France: Try: Lagisquet. Conversion: Bérot. Dropped goal: Lescarboura. Penalty goal: Bérot.
SCOTLAND: G Hastings (Watsonians); M Duncan (West of Scotland), A Tait (Kelso), S Hastings (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk); R Cramb (Harlequins), R Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals), G Callander (Kelso, capt), N Rowan (Boroughmuir), D J Turnbull (Hawick), A Campbell (Hawick), D Cronin (Bath), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP), D White (Gala).
FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz); P Bérot (Agen), P Sella (Agen), M Andrieu (Nimes), P Lagisquet (Bayonne), J-P Lescarboura (Dax), P Berbizier (Agen), L Armary (Lourdes), D Dubroca (Agen, capt), J-P Garuet (Lourdes), E Champ (Toulon), A Lorieux (Aix-les-Bains), J Condom (Biarritz), D Erbani (Agen), L Rodriquez (Montferrand).
Referee: F Muller (South Africa).

First time lucky for Orrell

By Gordon Allan

Harlequins 6
Orrell 12

Harlequins stayed at the foot of the Courage clubs championship first division table after this match at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday. Orrell, also in the lower half of the table, won by three tries to two penalty goals — Harlequins' first defeat at the Stoop since April 1986.

Harlequins, attempting to take on Orrell in the forwards, made no progress, and all their attempts to move the ball around in the open came to grief. Some of Rose's tactical kicking from stand-off was ill-directed and, to make matters worse, he and Thresher missed four penalties between them.

Orrell scored twice in the opening ten minutes. A careless heel by Harlequins at a scrum on their own line let in Halsall for the touchdown, then Dooley and Pegg combined to give Ainscough a try in the corner.

Thresher landed a penalty early in the second half to take the home side past 500 points for the season, then kicked another with 15 minutes left, long before which the game had become bogged down in maul and mess.

Orrell, playing at the Stoop for the first time, made sure of the points a few minutes from the end with a pushover try by Paul Dooley, brother of the England lock and, like him, a Blackpool policeman. It was Dooley's 14th try of the season.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Penalties: Thresher (2). Orrell: Tries: Halsall, Ainscough, Dooley.
HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; J Eagle, J Salmon, A Thompson, E Davis; M Rose, R Boon; D Butcher, J Olver, A Mullins (replacement: S Duff), T Bell, N Edwards, P Ackford, D Williams, R Langhorn.
ORRELL: S Taberner; P Halsall, *D Fell*, G Ainscough, J Gilfillan; P Williams, C Wright; D O'Brien, N Hitchen, D Southern, A Pegg, R Kimmins, D Cusani, D Cleary, P Dooley.
Referee: M Edwards (Warwickshire).

Waterloo forward dismissed

By Michael Stevenson

Coventry 15
Waterloo 10

Waterloo's former England lock forward, Jim Sydall, was sent off at Coundon Road yesterday after the referee saw him knee and kick a Coventry player following a general fracas in the middle of the field shortly before half-time.

The incident followed some irritable exchanges. A fluent Coventry move had left the full back, Potter, clear but a fine tackle by Allott felled him inches from the line. It was only then that the mayhem ended in the sending off.

Waterloo were leading 10-3 at the time but Sydall's absence proved too great and they suffered their first defeat in the Courage clubs championship this season by the only try and two penalties to five penalties kicked for Coventry by Thomas.

Aitchison scored two early penalties for Waterloo and eventually Thomas reached his 100 points for the season but a glorious try by Tickle earned Waterloo their commanding lead.

The ball reached Hackett on the right and, as he cut inside, Sydall took his pass and put Tickle over.

A penalty either side of half time put Coventry within a point of Waterloo but four penalty chances were missed as Coventry's pressure intensified. *Finally, Thomas* kicked two more penalties while Waterloo tried to run everything in the worsening conditions.

SCORERS: Coventry: Penalties: Thomas (5). Waterloo: Try: Tickle. Penalties: Aitchison (2).
COVENTRY: I Potter; A Parton, M Fairn, C Medford, S Hall; M Lakey, S Thomas; L Johnson, A Farrington, S Wilkes, P Suckling, R Travers, T Gulliver, G Robbins, P Rowland.
WATERLOO: J Tickle; *M Cotter*, S Christopherson, *N Heslop*, P Cooley; I Aitchison, D Carfoot; C Dew, P Hackett, S Peters, N Allott, J Sydall, N Wilkinson, S Gallagher, L Connor.
Referee: K S Griffiths (London).

Headingley lose out as wager comes unstuck

By Peter Dixon

Richmond 14
Headingley 13

Despite the fact that Headingley were losing 10-3 at half-time, I would have staked my last 50 pence on them winning this Courage Clubs Championship second division match.

For Headingley this was the one that got away. Admittedly they trailed throughout — almost before they knew it they were 10 points adrift through Pennock's two tries — and yet their territorial dominance demanded better rewards. As every England supporter is painfully aware, creating chances is one thing, taking them is another.

For the most part Headingley were on the attack, their forwards creating a solid base in the scrum, and Fraser and Shortland providing heaps of clean lineout ball. In the threequarters Brugger and Johnson, the centres, worked particularly well together, but all too often the final pass was either dropped or knocked on.

A preoccupation with pushover tries might also have cost the northerners dear. With a set of confident backs it is almost criminal not to use them.

Yet for all that, Richmond were always on the look-out for a breakthrough. Appleson had pulled Headingley to within a point of the hosts with two penalties inside six minutes of the second half, only for Richmond to pull away again through an excellent try by Lubbe.

Seemingly undeterred, Headingley almost clinched victory in the final minute. From *Summers's tapped penalty*, Brugger shrugged off one tackle before feeding Johnson on the burst. His turn of pace created an overlap for Kenell, the left wing, who scored in the corner.

By this stage I would have bet my 50 pence that Howarth would have missed the winning conversion, such was Headingley's fortune. He did.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Pennock (2), Lubbe. Conversion: Breddy. Headingley: Try: Kenell. Penalties: Appleson (3).
RICHMOND: A Hamper; S Pennock, N Preston, R Rydon, G Lubbe; M Breddy, J Cullen; C Mills, R Crerar, C McDonald, D Sole, M Flagler, S Attfield, D Rimmer, P Farmer.
HEADINGLEY: M Appleson; D Kenell, S Brugger, P Johnson, C Tweed (rep: D Lowther); J Howarth, N Summers; P Huntsman, S Milnes, A Machell, M Pepper, A Fraser, S Shortland, N Hargreaves, N Green.
Referee: G R Feddon (Manchester).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

British Gas Challenge

England 3 Wales 11
(At Twickenham)

R Bank of Scotland international

Scotland 23 France 12
(At Murrayfield)

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Harlequins 6 Orrell 12
Harlequins: Pen: Thresher (2). Orrell: Tries: Halsall, Ainscough, Dooley.

Coventry 15 Waterloo 10
Coventry: Pens: Thomas (5). Waterloo: Try: Tickle. Pens: Aitchison (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leicester	7	7	0	0	138	73	28
Nottingham	10	4	1	5	138	136	23
Bristol	8	4	1	3	146	92	21
Moseley	9	4	0	5	129	135	21
Gloucester	7	4	1	2	119	81	20
Bath	8	3	1	4	107	112	18
Waterloo	5	4	0	1	82	53	17
Wasps	6	3	1	2	86	83	16
Coventry	7	2	1	4	85	155	14
Orrell	5	2	1	2	66	71	12
Sale	6	0	0	6	50	145	6
Harlequins	4	0	1	3	40	50	5

Second division

Richmond 14 Headingley 13
Richmond: Tries: Pennock (2), Lubbe. Con: Breddy. Headingley: Try: Kenell. Pens: Appleson (3).

Saracens 22 Northampton 6
Saracens: Tries: McLagan, Rudling, Steadman. Cons: Rudling (2). Pens: Rudling (2). Northampton: Try: Packman. Con: Ebsworth.

London Irish 16 Blackheath 12
London Irish: Tries: Bell, Harbinson. Con: Bell. Pen: Bell (2). Blackheath: Pens: Colyer (3). Dropped goal: Colyer.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rosslyn Pk	8	7	1	0	124	62	30
Liverpool SH	7	6	0	1	100	46	25
Richmond	9	5	0	4	109	109	24
L Scottish	7	4	0	3	105	69	19
L Irish	9	3	1	5	86	127	19
Headingley	6	3	1	2	97	60	16
Saracens	6	3	1	2	85	61	16
L Welsh	7	2	1	4	98	109	14
Gosforth	7	2	1	4	72	101	14
Bedford	5	2	2	1	57	59	13
Blackheath	8	1	0	7	60	106	11
Northampton	7	1	0	6	69	153	10

Third division

Birmingham 6 W Hartlepool 43
Birmingham: Try: Furze. Con: Crowley. West Hartlepool: Tries: Robinson (2), Evans (2), D Mitchell, Siddle, A Mitchell, Grint. Cons: Boyd (4). Pen: Boyd.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
W Hartlepool	7	7	0	0	171	53	28
Plymouth A	8	6	0	2	208	92	26
V of Lune	7	6	0	1	142	87	25
Fylde	8	5	0	3	238	114	23
Met Police	8	5	0	3	115	104	23
Wakefield	6	5	0	1	192	50	21
Sheffield	7	4	0	3	87	130	19
Maidstone	7	3	0	4	82	77	16
Nuneaton	7	1	1	5	53	87	11
Birmingham	10	0	1	9	46	349	11
Morley	7	1	0	6	75	160	10
Exeter	6	0	0	6	59	163	6

Area League south

Cheltenham 15 Southend 0

CLUB MATCHES

Bedford	16	Vale of Lune	13
Boroughmuir	20	Jed-Forest	17
Hawick	20	Roundhay	12
Heriot's FP	26	Ayr	4
Leicester	34	London Scottish	15
London Welsh	7	Cardiff	38
Morley	20	Halifax	9
Northern	4	Nottingham	38
Sale	43	Liverpool SH	6
Sheffield	37	Manchester	6
Stewart's Mel FP	32	Glasgow Acads	4
Wakefield	18	Harrogate	0

CANCELLED: Selkirk v Tynedale; Plymouth v Devonport Services; Edinburgh Academicals v Gala.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Newbury 6, Basingstoke 9; High Wycombe 19, Reading 25. Foster Beard Middlesex Merit Table: Hendon 18, Barclays Bank 6; Twickenham 3, Finchley 14. Club Matches: Abbey 30, Peterborough 13; Bacavians 12, Old Tottonians 13 ; Bank of England 28, Citizens 9; Basildon 54 Met Police (District 3) 3; Beckenham 19, Bromley 0; Bletchley 12, *Bicester 4; Brentwood 0, Campion 32;* Cambridge 11, Biggleswade 3; Canterbury *Pilgrims* 10, Old Williamsonians 10; Charlton Park 10, London Hospital 20; Chipstead 0, Dorking 22; Datchworth 24, Vauxhall Motors 12; East Grinstead 0, Lewes 25; Effingham 42, Esher Abbots 6; Farnham 20, Rushmoor 16; Frome 42, Southampton 6; Gosport and Farnham 10, Chichester 15; Grasshoppers 15, Bracknell 10; Guildford and Godalming 19, Old Reigations 9; Harwell 6, Aldermaston 12; Havant Dolphins 4, Alton 16;

MIDLANDS: Club Matches: Aston O E 9, Kings Norton 9; Aylesbury 30, Peterborough 13; Barkers Butts 50, Mellish 6; Birmingham 6, Hartlepool 43; Birmingham Welsh 17, Alcester 0; Bromsgrove 31, Bridgnorth 13; Camp Hill 0, Mosely United 19; Chesterfield 9, Burton on Trent 3; Claverdon 12, Birchfield 22; Coalville 8, West Bridgford 3; Davenport 16, Stafford 10; Dixonians 10, O Halesonians 4; Dronfield 4, Aylestone St James 3; Dudley Kingswinford 25, Berry Hill 3; Earlsdon 0, *Belgrave* 52; East Retford 9, Worksop 0; Erdington 7, Broad Street 11; Kenilworth 14, Kettering 29; Kidderminster Carolians 30, Woodrush 18; Leamington 14, Heaton Moor 0; Loughborough 3, Oadby Wyggestonians 7; Loughborough Students 18, Lichfield 10; Newark 15, Rotherham 12; Newcastle 13, Shrewsbury 13; North Kesteven 4, Boston 34; Nuneaton O E 26, Five Ways 16; O Centrals 10, Veseyans 20; O Laurentians 9, Daventry 20; O Leamingtonians 16, Newport 13; O Moseleians 0, Pinley 17; O Newtonians 14, *Long Buckby 7; O Warwickians 12*, Sihillians 17; O Yardleians 16, O Coventrians 10; Paviors 10, Moderns 24; O Pennanians 0, Handsworth 4; Redditch 4, Spartans 4; St Neots 26, Lutterworth 12; Stamford 14, Southwell 9; Stoke on Trent 25, Wrexham 6; Syston 30, Kibworth 12; Tamworth 9, Wolverhampton 8; Warwick 10, Birmingham University 39; Whitchurch 12, Hoylake 0; Wigston 6, Evesham 0; Witney 4, Stratford 13.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: North second division: Huddersfield 7, Manchester 3. North east first division: Old Brodleians 7, Wharfedale 6. Yorkshire Shield: First round: Cleckheaton 12, Rodillians 6; Leodiensians 9, Castleford 11; *Marist 0, Roundhegians 16; Sheffield* Oaks 6, Driffield 3. Second round: West Park Bramhope 7, Redcar 6; Wheatley Hills 0, Bramley 41. Club matches: Airebronians 3, Skipton 12; Beverley 34, Hullensians 4; Bridlington 9, Barnsley 4; Dinnington 11, Hemsworth 20; Doncaster 0, Old Crossleyans 25; Hull and ER 6, Birkenhead Park 6; Ionians 3, Old Hymerians 40; Keighley 13, Merseyside Police 13; Northallerton 12, Middlesbrough Wasps 3; Old Rishworthians 13, Wetherby 0; Old Otliensians 12, Hessle 9; *Otley 13, Fylde 16;* Pocklington 43, Sheffield Tigers 6; Sandal 24, Leigh 3; Sheffield 37, Pontefract 6; Thornensians 4, North Ribblesdale 4; Wensleydale 6, Consett 6; York RI 4, West Leeds 10.

SOUTH WEST: Club matches: Brixham 25, Weston-super-Mare 11; Crediton 19, South Molton 13; Falmouth 3, Camborne 32; Helston 12, Devon and Cornwall Police 48; Launceston 15, Truro 6; Penryn 25, Barnstaple 4; Penzanze-Newlyn 12, Newquay 7; Redruth 66, Hayle 0; St Ives 30, St Austell 3; Stroud 10, Torquay 6.

IRELAND: Ulster Senior League: Section Two: Dungannon 12 NIFC 15. Club Games: Ards 22, City of Derry 0; Malone 20, Portadown 13; Queens University 26, Accademy 4 Armagh 9, Instonians 15; Ballymena 10, Blackrock College 15. Leinster Senior League: Section B: Skerries 7 Bective Rangers 23. Club Games: Old Belvedere 24, Terenure College 19; Warners 9, The Army 7; St *Mary's College* 33, Collegians 3; *Clontarf* 6, CIYMS 23. Dudley Cup: University College, Dublin 12, University College, Cork 9. Smithwick's Floodlit Challenge Cup Final (played Friday): Bangor 9, Old Wesley 6 (after extra time).

SQUASH RACKETS

Veterans top the order

The Jesters "amateur" championships, which conclude tonight at Lambs Club, London, show an increasing tendency to reverse the natural priority of things (Colin McQuillan writes).

Interest at yesterday's semi-finals centred upon the likelihood of Mike Corby and Pat Kirton meeting in a third successive veterans final.

Corby, aged 47, lost the veteran final to Kirton in 1986 but won last year. Kirton, aged 51, tonight plays his seventh successive veteran final. The vintage final is between Mike Perkins and John Cox.

In the semi-finals of the main event, Colin Payne defeated Mark Woodliffe, the second seed, and Stuart Langdon beat Philip Yerby.

RESULTS: Jester tournament: Semi-finals: C Payne (Kent) bt M Woodliffe (Hampshire), 6-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-3; S Langdon (Wilts) bt P Yerby (Bucks), 9-7, 4-9, 9-3, 9-4. Veterans: Semi-finals: M Corby bt L Kinder, 3-9, 9-3, 9-2, 9-3; P Kirton bt S Mace, 9-1, 5-9, 9-6, 9-7. Vintage: M Perkins bt A Pierce, 9-4, 9-6, 9-6; J Cox bt R Lockwood 9-4, 9-1, 9-4.

● **TORONTO:** Jahangir Khan, the five-times world champion, discovered another emerging player to worry about as he moved into the final of the Mennen Cup (AFP reports).

In his first meeting with Del Harris, aged 18, from London, Jahangir was taken to four games before winning their semi-final 15-6, 16-17, 15-7, 15-2.

HOCKEY: SLOUGH'S LEAD IN THE LONDON LEAGUE IS UNDER SERIOUS THREAT

Southgate show their strength again

By Sydney Friskin

St Albans 0
Southgate 4

Southgate gave another display of strength yesterday at Clarence Park where they defeated St Albans convincingly in the premier division of the Pizza Express London League to move within four points of Slough with two games in hand.

Despite the splendid goalkeeping of Spicer, Southgate established a 3-0 lead by half-time. Kerly converted a short corner in the 17th minute, stepping forward and driving a hard shot past an intervening stick. Batchelor, with some help from Shaw and Thomas, increased the lead in the 26th minute and two minutes later Thomas, after combining with Moulton, obtained the third goal from a difficult angle.

With the pitch cutting up in the second half the pace slackened and St Albans came more into prominence. They squandered two chances from short corners, the first ending with Ferns missing the target, the second poorly controlled.

St Albans might also have scored later from a scramble when Halliday just missed the far post. Spicer continued to check Southgate's advance but two minutes before the end he was stranded when Moulton came in sharply on the right to score the fourth goal.

ST ALBANS: J Spicer; F McLean, A Boetus, R Ashby (sub: A Hardman), G Wisher, J Lowen (sub: D Manning), G *Hayward, A Ferns, A Halliday*, S Port, K Rowley.
SOUTHGATE: D Owen; P Boxell, M Spray, R Dodds, J Shaw, Soma Singh, R Clift, P Moulton, D Thomas, S Kerly, S Batchelor.
Umpires: A Budd (Southern Counties) and A Tibbett (Eastern Counties).

● Teddington held on well to defeat Reading 3-2 in the same competition at Feltham yesterday morning. McGuire got Teddington away to a good start and the lead was increased through two well-taken goals in the second half by Barker and Benzies. Reading, however, hit back strongly with goals by Boddington and Denehy.

On Saturday, Teddington had beaten St Albans 2-1 at the same venue and the six points earned over the weekend strengthened their chance of a place in the first division of next season's national league. Rowley scored for St Albans in the first half and Bilson scored twice for Teddington in the second.

Hounslow also improved their position with a 4-0 win over Bromley with goals by Dixon, Diamond, Alcock and Soor. Old Loughtonians, the title holders, achieved their tenth successive victory in the Norwich Union East League by defeating Cambridge City 3-1.

SNOOKER

Reynolds halts Meo

Tony Meo's two-year hold on the English professional championship was prised loose at the Corn Exchange, Ipswich, last night when Dean Reynolds outstayed him in a four-hour struggle by 6-4 to reach the semi-finals (*Steve Acteson writes*).

On Saturday, Reynolds had lost the first two frames against Liverpool's John Parrott before winning the next six in a row for victory. Yesterday he again made a sluggish start as Meo rattled home breaks of 30, 45, and 33 to move two ahead.

But Reynolds pounced when Meo fluffed the final when 24 points ahead in frame three and cleared up to begin a winning run of four frames which included breaks of 54, 59, and 35.

Meo replied with runs of 62 and 42 to draw level, but Reynolds shut him out 67-0 in frame nine, and then won the 10th, 81-34, to finish the job before saying: "The funny thing is that John Parrott should also *have gone 3-0 up but he missed* an easy brown."

RESULTS: Fourth round: T Meo bt S Longworth, 6-4. Frame scores (Meo first): 53-44; 65-18; 75-31; 23-73; 68-16; 53-65; 69-34; 24-69; 31-69; 75-17. W Thorne bt J Virgo, 6-0. Frame scores (Thorne first): 83-29; 72-49; 74-26; 77-28; 120-12; 90-14. M Hallett bt R Williams, 6-3. Frame scores (Williams first): 89-53; 65-79; 1-100; 76-27; 23-60; 30-73; 123-13; 18-62; 0-101. D Reynolds bt J *Parrott*, 6-2. Frame scores (Parrott first): 81-7; 76-46; 57-65; 27-65; 13-66; 53-59; 18-112; 8-69. Quarter-finals: Reynolds bt Meo 6-4. Frame scores (Meo first): 87-41; 69-33; 58-61; 14-73; 6-102; 16-71; 78-32; 71-7; 0-67; 34-81. Foulds bt Thorne, 6-2. Frame scores (Foulds first): 69-21; 34-66; 18-106; 69-92; 79-46; 87-52; 46-25; 101-0.

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ATHLETICS: CHRISTIE OUTRUNS WORLD RECORD HOLDER AND IS GLASGOW STAR

Reynolds has lane control and German on his mind

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Four thousand miles is a long way to come to get disqualified, as Butch Reynolds wryly concurred after his invitation 400 metres 'victory' at Glasgow's Kelvin Hall on Saturday. It was probably just as well that Thomas Schönlebe, of East Germany, had run 45.04sec the night before in Stuttgart. Otherwise Reynolds from Ohio would have lost a world record as well for straying out of his lane. He clocked 45.20sec, compared to Schönlebe's previous record of 45.41sec.

"He's a pretty good runner," Reynolds said of Schönlebe, "one of the best in the world". This was something of an understatement, since Schönlebe is making a habit of getting there first, ahead of Reynolds. The East German won the world title in Rome, with Reynolds third after the latter had led the world rankings all season with 44.10sec, and looked like the man who was finally going to get close to Lee Evans's 20-year-old world record of 43.86sec.

Reynolds, with some justification put the demise in Rome down to over-racing, "I had over 60 races last year, what with 200s, 500s, 600s and relays as well as the 400s. At this stage last winter, I'd already had six indoor races. This was just my second this year, and I'm only having one more." That will be against Antonio McKay (best of 45.79sec) at Meadowlands, New Jersey, next Saturday, where Seb Coe will also run his first North American indoor race, a 3,000 metres against José-Luis Gonzaléz, of Spain.

But Reynolds had the small consolation of knowing he ran fast, and the considerable sop of several thousand dollars for his pains. Those who raised the roof for him were left wondering, however, quite what he was doing in the middle of the United Kingdom v France match, sponsored by Dairy Crest, which otherwise provided such a successful curtain raiser to the magnificent arena, and ensured many more internationals there.

Linford Christie was the star of the show, winning the 60 metres, albeit slower than he would have liked in 6.67sec, taking the 200 metres in 21.11sec after his blocks had slipped; and then underlining his European hegemony by running the whole of the last leg of the 4 x 200 metres relay in lane two, and still outpacing Bruno Marie-Rose, the world indoor 200 metres record holder.

Wise McColgan banks $33,000

Liz McColgan knew her decision not to run the world cross-country championships this year had paid off when she repeated her victory of last year in the Red Lobster 10 kilometres road race in Florida on Saturday, and won $33,000 (about £18,500) for what the organizers regard as a world best time (Pat Butcher writes).

McColgan, formerly Lynch, won the women's race in Orlando in 30min 59sec, beating her last year's performance by eight seconds. She won $6,000 for the victory, more than a minute ahead of Judi St Hilaire, who was second, $2,000 for a course record, and $25,000 for the world best time. Ingrid Kristiansen has a faster time for a 10km relay leg, but the organizers claim it was on a point-to-point course, as opposed to a loop course.

The race was run in unusually cool conditions, which cannot have deterred McColgan or Paul Davies-Hale, from Cannock, who won the men's race in 28min 18sec, six seconds outside the course record. McColgan said: "I'm in even better shape than I thought. I wouldn't have minded running the world cross-country, but I wouldn't have gained anything by doing it."

McColgan has two more races in Florida, then one in California before going to Bali in April for the 10km race, in which she also won more than $30,000 last year.

● Angela Tooby won the individual race in the European Clubs' cross-country championships for the fifth successive year at Cardiff yesterday. She got away from her twin, Susan, on the hill beside Cardiff Castle, and ran out a relatively easy winner in 20min 10sec for the 5,700-metre course.

She has dominated the race in the seven years of its existence.

Cardiff AAC had the same number of points as Sporting Braga, but lost the team contest when their next woman came in 43rd compared with 10th for the Portuguese.

Loner by nature: Budd strides away from the pack during the Ewell road race yesterday (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Budd at home on Sunday circuit

By Michael Coleman

Zola Budd has set about blending into the typical British athletics scene. On a sunny Sunday morning she turned up at Ewell yesterday to join 500 others, club runners and joggers alike, in the first of the local council's "Winter grand prix road-race series."

Half of the entrants ran just one of the three-mile road circuit, the rest, including Budd, opted for two. Like most fun runs it was deadly serious; the winner, John Hensman (Omega), clocking a respectable 29min 37sec and the Guildford-domiciled Budd 32min 52sec for seventh place overall. "Thank you for taking part," David Denton, the organizer, said to her afterwards. "I enjoyed it," she replied.

In her Aldershot club vest, shorts, thin brown legs, pink-edged socks and white and blue shoes she hardly looked 21, nor was there any sign of the weight we thought we had spotted last weekend at the Gateshead cross-country.

Denton, in spotted tights, joined the run himself after handing the loudspeaker to Brian Kibble, recreation committee chairman, who, with a "Hope you have a pleasant run", officially sent the enthusiasts on their way. After the first lap Budd, alone and not employing the shorter stride which Budd-watchers assure us she has now switched to, was eighth, her time of 16:03 comparing to Hensman's 14:33. She lost more time but gained a place on the last circuit.

"It was fine," she said. "I am looking for a lot of small races like this to give me sharpness before the Auckland world cross-country." No, the traffic had caused no problems.

The next woman in, Fiona Russell (37:56), said she and friends in the Thames Hare & Hounds Club were planning to help Budd integrate more and to enjoy what her coach and mentor, John Bryant, looking on in approval, described as "the sort of things that interest girls of her age outside of athletics". Like many other great runners, such as Nurmi, she was a loner by nature.

BOWLS

Skoglund wins brave smile from the Scots

From David Rhys Jones
Auckland, New Zealand

New Zealand reinforced their claims to be the most successful bowling country when they took both pairs and triples titles at the half-way stage of the 1988 BNZ (Bank of New Zealand) world championships here.

Scotland, represented by Willie Paul, Willie Wood and Alex McIntosh, appeared to have the edge throughout the triples final, but the veteran New Zealand skip, Phil Skoglund, who played in the first world championships in 1966, played too many telling bowls, and, winning 18-15, claimed his first gold medal. "Skoglund the Brave!" shouted someone from the packed stands, and even the Scots had to counterfeit a smile.

England, whose men of mettle, Bryant and Allcock, were expected to improve on the pairs silver they won four years ago at Aberdeen, came up against a lead in Rowan Brassey who played as though his guided missiles were radar controlled. Bryant, at his dogged best, tried to hit him off a length, but it was a case of the unstoppable force meeting the immovable object.

The five-man teams then regrouped to challenge for the singles and fours titles, with two of the singles favourites suffering early setbacks against unfancied opposition. Belliss, who won the singles in 1984, lost 20-25 to Andy Taylor, of Zambia, and Wood, who was runner-up, was edged out 24-25, by the Argentinian, Joe Riveros, a 37-year-old financial consultant who plays for the Belgrano Athletic Club in Buenos Aires.

RESULTS: Triples: Finals: New Zealand bt Scotland (W Paul, W Wood, A McIntosh), 18-15 for gold; England (J Ottaway, W Richards, J Bell) bt Papua New Guinea 19-14 for bronze. Pairs: Finals: New Zealand bt England (D Bryant, T Allcock) 18-16 for gold. Wales (R Weale, W Thomas) bt Canada 24-13 for bronze. Other placings: 10, Ireland (R McCutcheon, J McCloughlin); 19, Guernsey

Second round: Singles: Section A: D Bryant bt G Beare (Zim), 25-18; S Espie (Ire) bt D le Marquand (Jer), 25-19; Section B: J Riveros (Arg) bt W Wood (Sco), 25-24; C Bransky (Isr) bt R Weale (Wal), 25-16. M Nicolle (Guern) bt B Elliott (Swaz), 25-19. Fours: Section A: England (J Ottaway, W Richards, J Bell, T Allcock) bt Western Samoa, 29-10; Scotland (W Paul, G Knox, G Adrain, A McIntosh) bt Japan, 45-10; Ireland (R McCutcheon, J McCloughlin, S Allen, J Baker) bt Zambia, 18-16. Israel bt Jersey (B Attwood, P James, K Lowery, T Mallet), 29-20. Botswana bt Guernsey (M Smith, B Crawford, M Pike, B Simon), 29-11. Section B: New Zealand bt Papua New Guinea, 24-13; Hong Kong bt Swaziland, 32-18; Australia bt Kenya, 30-13; Zimbabwe bt Malawi, 25-13; Fiji bt United States, 23-16. Wales a bye.

● Cyphers and City of Ely, both of whom lost in last season's semi-finals, will meet at the same stage of the McCarthy and Stone club championship at Rugby on March 26 (Gordon Allan writes). The other match is between Cotswold and Hartlepool.

Atherley led for two thirds of the way against Cyphers at Maidstone on Saturday before the Kent club made one of their well known finishing spurts to win 77-68. Cyphers won on two rinks, Terry Heppell beating Peter Line 25-17 and Dave Crocker beating Clive Tancock 24-13. The other rinks went to Atherley, Norman Sherry winning 23-14 over Gary Smith and Ken Marsh edging past Andy Thomson 15-14.

RUGBY LEAGUE

French foibles reduce value of British win

By Keith Macklin

Great Britain 30
France 12

Malcolm Reilly, the British coach, having a last look at his squad in competitive action before the tour of Australasia and the World Cup, learned nothing from Saturday's Whitbread Trophy international at Headingley.

There were no surprises as France produced their usual mixture of sloppy defence, occasional bouts of brilliant action — which produced two good tries — and moments when they seemed disinterested and resigned to defeat.

The match was over as a credible contest after five minutes. By that time the British scrum half, Gregory, had nipped over for a typically cheeky, close-range try, and Hanley had powered over for the first of his two tries. From then on it was a matter of the French keeping the scoreline within respectable proportions and avoiding a repetition of the 52-points hiding they suffered in the corresponding match last year.

On the credit side for the watching Reilly, Schofield kicked five goals to add to his try and proved himself a fine all-rounder. Hanley showed typical strength in going for the line, although he appears to have lost his sharp edge of speed. At full back, Hampson's bravery under pressure and bubbling confidence in attack make him a certainty for the No. 1 position on tour and Platt showed constructive skills at loose forward.

Plange, the winger, celebrated his debut with a try but Reilly still has no clear indications of his best set of wing three-quarters. The French tries were jewels amid the dross. The second, by the lively hooker, Khedimi, in the closing stages, followed the best move of the match.

SCORERS: Great Britain: Tries: Hanley (2), Schofield, Plange, Gregory. Goals: Schofield (5). France: Tries: Pons, Khedemi. Goals: Bourel (2).

GREAT BRITAIN: S Hampson (Wigan); D Plange (Castleford), G Schofield (Leeds), E Hanley (Wigan), P Ford (Bradford Northern); S Edwards (Wigan), A Gregory (Wigan); K Ward (Castleford), K Beardmore (Castleford), H Waddell (Oldham), R Powell (Leeds), P Dixon (Halifax), A Platt (St Helens).

FRANCE: J Pougeau (St Estève); H Ratier (Lezignan), G Delaunay (St Estève), P Fourquet (St Gaudens), C Pons (St Gaudens); D Espagna (Lezignan), F Bourrel (Toulouse); M Tisseyre (Pamiers), M Khedimi (St Estève), P Ailleres (Toulouse), P Montgaillard (XIII Catalan), Daniel Verdés (Villeneuve), P Gestas (St Gaudens).

Referee: N Kesha (New Zealand).

Offiah's three-try revenge

By Keith Macklin

The man who was dropped from the Britain squad for Saturday's international, Widnes winger Martin Offiah, gave the best possible response to coach Malcolm Reilly.

He ran in three tries as Widnes demolished Bradford Northern 26-4 and swept into an eight-point lead at the top of the first division table. In doing so, Offiah had the double satisfaction of scoring his tries against Phil Ford, the winger who replaced him at Headingley.

The third try was a spectacular effort, with Offiah dribbling and hacking the ball two-thirds of the length of the field, outpacing Ford among others, to pick up and dive over.

Leeds, one of the teams attempting to overhaul Widnes, came badly unstuck at Leigh, where an inspired first-half performance by the home side brought tries to Horo, Burrell and Evans and three goals from Burrell. The Britain centre Schofield scored a second-half try for Leeds and Stephenson, another member of the international squad, kicked the goal, but Leeds were beaten 18-6.

St Helens and Warrington kept in touch with Widnes with convincing home victories. St Helens beat Halifax 16-4 and the New Zealander Mark Elia, who failed to ground the ball properly against Halifax at Wembley last season, had some measure of revenge with two tries. Another New Zealander, Joe Ropati, scored three times as Warrington had the measure of Castleford 32-6.

In the second division, Featherstone Rovers and Oldham both won and held on to first and second places.

WHITBREAD TROPHY INTERNATIONAL (Headingley): Great Britain 30, France 12.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP. First division: Hull 30, Hunslet 22; Leigh 18, Leeds 6; St Helens 16, Halifax 4; Warrington 32, Castleford 6; Widnes 26, Bradford Northern 4. Second division: Barrow 14, Keighley 6; Bramley 6, Whitehaven 14; Dewsbury 16, Doncaster 6; Featherstone Rovers 14, Fulham 0; Springfield Borough 14, Mansfield Marksmen 7; Wakefield 14, Batley 0; Workington 8, Oldham 16. Postponed: Carlisle v Huddersfield; Runcorn v Rochdale.

TENNIS

Zivojinovic ends India's cup hopes

Delhi (AP) — Slobodan Zivojinovic used his power serves yesterday to defeat Vijay Amritraj, of India, and secure Yugoslavia's 3-2 victory in the world group Davis Cup tie.

Zivojinovic's 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory put a quick end to India's hopes of repeating last year's feat, when they reached the final only to be beaten easily by Sweden. Zivojinovic was largely responsible for his team's win, defeating Ramesh Krishnan in the opening day's singles and then guiding his side to victory in the doubles along with Goran Prpic.

In Gavle, Sweden, on Saturday, the Swedes secured their place in the second round with Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd's 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 doubles victory

RESULTS: World Group (best of five ties): Delhi: Yugoslavia bt India, 3-2 (Indian names first): V Amritraj bt B Oresar, 6-3, 6-0, 6-3; R Krishnan lost to S Zivojinovic, 4-6, 4-6, 4-6; V and A Amritraj lost to Zivojinovic and G Prpic, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-9; Krishnan bt Oresar, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; Zivojinovic bt V Amritraj, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Gavle: Sweden bt N Zealand, 5-0 (Swedish names first): A Jarryd bt B Derlin, 14-12, 6-2, 6-4; S Edberg bt K Evernden, 12-10, 6-2, 9-7; Edberg and Jarryd bt Evernden and D Lewis, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; Jarryd bt Evernden 8-6, 4-6, 11-9; Edberg bt Derlin, 6-1, 6-2. Basle: France bt Switzerland, 4-1 (Swiss names first): R Stadler lost to Y Noah, 8-10, 11-9, 1-9, 5-7; C Mezzadri bt H Leconte, 3-6, 6-3, 0-6, 8-6, 6-2; H Gunthardt and Mezzadri lost to G Forget and Noah 2-6, 4-6, 3-6; Stadler lost to H Leconte, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; Mezzadri lost to Noah, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Prague: Czechoslovakia bt Paraguay, 5-0 (Czechoslovak names first): P Korda bt H Chapacu, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; M Mecir bt F Gonzalez, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; Mecir and T Smid bt Gonzalez and Chapacu, 6-1, 7-5, 6-1; Mecir bt Chapacu, 6-3, 6-1; Korda bt Gonzalez, 6-4, 6-4. Palermo: Italy bt Israel, 4-1 (Italian names first): F Cancellotti bt G Bloom, 6-1, 6-2, 6-8, 6-4; P Cane bt A Mansdorf, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; Cane and D Nargiso lost to Mansdorf and S Perkiss, 5-7, 3-6, 4-6; Cane bt Bloom, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0; Cancellotti bt Mansdorf 6-4, 6-2. Essen: W Germany bt Brazil, 5-0 (W German names first): B Becker bt C Motta, 6-0, 6-2, 6-0; C-U Steeb bt L Mattar, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; Becker and P Kuhnen bt Mattar and R Acioly, 8-6, 15-13, 6-4; Kuhnen bt Mattar, 9-7, 6-3; Steeb bt Motta, 6-1, 6-2. Aarhus: Denmark bt Spain, 3-2 (Danish names first): M Tauson bt S Casal, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; M Christensen bt E Sanchez, 5-7, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; P Bastiansen and M Mortensen lost to Casal and E Sanchez, 5-7, 9-11, 2-6; Casal bt Christiansen, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Tauson bt Sanchez, 3-6, 6-1, 13-11, 6-4. Mexico City: Australia lead Mexico, 2-1 (Mexican names first): L Lavalle lost to P Cash, 7-5, 4-6, 1-6, 9-11; F Maciel bt W Masur, 3-6, 8-6, 6-3, 7-5; Lavalle and J Lozano lost to Cash and J Fitzgerald, 2-6, 3-6, 2-6.
ZONAL MATCHES: Americas Zone: Guayaquil: Ecuador lead Canada, 2-0; Caracas: Venezuela lead Colombia, 2-1; Vina del Mar: Peru bt Chile, 4-1; Havana: Cuba lead Bolivia: 3-0; Kingston: Jamaica lead Haiti, 3-0. African Zone: Accra: Ghana trail Kenya, 0-3. Asia/Oceania Zone: Manila: Philippines bt Japan, 3-2; Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia lost to Sri Lanka, 1-4; Jakarta: Indonesia bt Thailand, 5-0.

YACHTING

Change of venue angers Fay

The announcement that the San Diego Yacht Club intends to hold the America's Cup in the waters of San Pedro Bay, off Long Beach, California, drew a swift response over the weekend from the New Zealand challengers (Barry Pickthall writes).

Michael Fay, who expects to launch his 'K-Boat' 90ft water-line maxi in Auckland on March 27, said he could see no reason for not holding the event off San Diego.

"We have not been asked for consent to sail the next America's Cup away from San Diego and with the way that Sail America handles these sort of issues, we won't be giving any such consent," he said.

"If we can't resolve these problems among ourselves then it could mean going back to court," the New Zealand banker said.

Fay contends that the Sail America Foundation want to change to a windier venue to suit the American multihull now being built to defend yachting's most prestigious trophy against New Zealand's 90ft water-line monohull.

JUDO

Adams is sharp in attack

By Nicolas Soames

There was a moment in the final of the British championships on Saturday at Crystal Palace when Neil Adams looked beatable as his lanky opponent, Gordon Lambert, started to pull the Olympic silver medal winner around. Adams managed to break away: he then stepped into the attack, letting Lambert reach over for his grip again.

As he did so, Adams darted underneath and spun him onto his back to show why he is back on the Olympic trail.

RESULTS: Men: Bantamweight (under 60kgs): Gold: C Finney (Kendal); silver: P Sullivan (NW); bronze: G Cameron (Scot) and K Edmonson (London). Feather (65kgs): Gold: M Preston (Scot); silver: O Pinnock (Midlands); bronze: R Shattock (NW) and M Chamberlain (Midlands). Lightweight (71kgs): Gold: W Cusack (Scot); silver: M Earle (South); bronze: C Savage (N Ire) and S Ravenscroft (NW). Light-middleweight (78kgs): Gold: N Adams (London); silver: G Lambert (Yorks and Humb); bronze: P Ajala (London) and G Wallis (South). Middleweight (86kgs): Gold: D White (Midlands); silver: L Alexander (London); bronze: P Mason (NW) and W Sweatman (Scot). Light-heavyweight (95kgs): Gold: N Kokotaylo (NW); silver: A Brownsea (South); bronze: W Williams (South) and D Webb (Midlands). Heavyweight (over 95kgs): Gold: I King (Wal); silver: W Etherington (NW); bronze: E Carnegie (London) and L Stevenson (London).
Women: Bantamweight (under 48kgs): Gold: A Mohamoodally (NHC); silver: K Elliot (NHC); bronze: E Bowley (Midlands) and F Robertson (Scot). Featherweight (52kgs): Gold: L Doyle (Scot); silver: A Applin (NHC); bronze: S Williams (London) and S Madge (South). Lightweight (56kgs): Gold: J Turner (South); silver: N Fairbrother (NHC); bronze: L Griffiths (Wal) and J Johnson (South). Light-middleweight (61kgs): Gold: T Lee (London); silver: M Reverey (Yorks and Humb); bronze: L Rogers (Midlands) and R Felton (Midlands). Middleweight (66kgs): Gold: R Sweatman (NHC); silver: J Morris (South); bronze: J Malley (NHC) and A Lucitt (Yorks and Humb). Light-heavyweight (72kgs): Gold: A Bray (N Ire); silver: M Bell (North); bronze: S Wood (North) and L Sykes (NHC). Heavyweight (over 72kgs): Gold: N Wallis (Midlands); silver: R Vondy (NW); bronze: S Lee (Midlands) and J Spinks (Scot).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

SCOTTISH FA CUP

Third round
Raith v Rangers (8.0)
Third round replay
Partick Thistle v Forfar

FA TROPHY: Second round: Bath v Stafford.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham v Sutton United.
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Nottingham Forest v Everton; Southend United v Reading.
RUGBY UNION: Bridgend v Newport (7.15); Neath v Maesteg (7.0); Pontypool v Penarth (7.0).

SPORT ON TV

SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: Boxing from America. Football: European round-up. Tennis from Australia. ITV: 1.15 a.m.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CHESTER-LE-STREET: 6.6 miles road race: 1, S Cram (Jarrow and Hebburn) 32min 39sec; 2, S Platt (Chesterfield) 32.50; 3, M Price (Sunderland) 32.53
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York: Millrose Games: Winners: Men (US unless stated): 55 metres hurdles: G Foster 7.07.55m: B Cooper 6.12. 400m: A McKay 47.00. 500m: K Lowery 1min 01.74. 600m: I Morris 1:08.63. 800m: L Brown 1:50.28. 1000m: S Koskei (Ken) 2:21.30. Wanamaker mile: M O'Sullivan (N Ire) 3:56.89; 2, P Elliott (GB) 3:57.83. 3000m: J L Gonzalez (Sp) 7:51.72. Mile walk: T Lewis 5:33.53 (world indoor best). High jump: J Lott 7ft 7in. Pole vault: T Vigneron (Fr) 19ft 0in. Women: Long jump: J Joyner-Kersee 22ft 8¼in. 400m: D Dixon 52.48. 880m: D Walton Floyd 2:04.95. Mile: D Melinte (Rom) 4:21.45; 2, K Wade (GB) 4:23.88. 55m: G Torrence 6.64. 55m hurdles: R Council 7.57. High jump: L Ritter 6ft 2½; 2, J Chesbro-Wohlschlag 6ft 2½
GHENT, Belgium: Golden High Jump competition: 1, P Sjoberg (Swe) 2.38m; 2, D Mogenburg (WG) 2.34; 3, C Thranhardt (WG) 2.30; 4, J Carter (US) 2.30; 5, S Matei (Rom) 2.30; 6, N Saunders (Ber) 2.30
HAMILTON, New Zealand: Marathon: Men: 1, P Lyrenmann, (Switz) 2 hr 19min 29sec; 2, H Rey (Switz) 2:23.38; 3, M O'Brien (US) 2:24.08. Women: 1, C Schiro (US) 2:40.17; 2, J Weitzel (US) 2:40.47; 3, A Roe (NZ) 2:47.25
OITA, Japan: Marathon: 1, B Lafranchi (Switz) 2hr 11min 58sec; 2, F Shinobara (Jap) 2:12.00; 3, K Takahashi (Jap) 2:12.14; 4, T Inahara (Jap) 2:12.22; 5, T Kosaku (Jap) 2:12.42
DALLAS INTERNATIONAL MEETING (US unless stated): Winners: Men: 55 metres: E King 6.08. 300yds: R Martin 30.5. 400m: A McKay 47.51. 600yds: R Haley 1:08.37. 3,000m: M Junkermann 8:00.5. 1,000yds: S Koskei (Ken) 2:08.58. Mile: T Brahm 3:59.87. 55m hurdles: C Clark 7.13. Shot: R Barnes 21.72m Long jump: Jefferson 7.80. Pole vault: D Fraley 5.50m. Women: High jump: J Chesbro-Wohlschlag 1.92m

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Drapers Tools Solent Stars 87 (Sewell 30, Scott 19, Burns 14); Manchester United 104 (Fogerty 24, Dolan 22, Gardner 21); TNT Bullets (Birmingham) 92 (Gaither 40, Rowe 20, Oghoma 17). Portsmouth 121 (Irish 27, Cunningham 24, Strong 20); Oldham Celtics 95 (Lewis 27, Butler 23, Morrison 14). Derby 79 (Chrabascz 27, Lascelles 19, Wiggins 8); Bracknell Tigers 103 (Scantlebury 25, Gordon 16, Betr 15). Quadrex Crystal Palace 72 (Lawrence 39, Dokan 20); Murray Livingston 92 (Collier 21, Hill 18, Maclean 18). Calderdale Explorers 65 (Findlay 14, Brandon 12, Johnson 13); Sunderland 97 (Saunders 41, Nottage 20, Lynch 18). Leicester City Riders 114 (Lloyd 30, Young 30, Vaughan 28). Polycell Kingston 94 (Bontrager 24, Clark 19, Davis 18). Bolton and Bury 85 (Crosby 33, Woods 26).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Magnum 78, Paisley 133; MIM 68, Royals 47; All Blacks 72, Dundee 42; Glasgow 45, Scottish Farm 56; Boness 54, Aces 43; Dundee 60, Koolcats 23.
BANK OF SCOTLAND JUNIOR CUP: Men: Paisley 69, Portobello 68; GEAR 107, Magnum 41.

BOWLS

McCARTHY AND STONE INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: City of Ely 98, Essex County 88; Cotswold 86, Torbay 80; Cyphers 77, Atherley 68; Hartlepool 91, Blackpool 74.
COUNTY MATCHES: Hampshire 98, Kent (Portsmouth Victory) 142; Wiltshire 129, Oxfordshire (Melksham) 110.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 385 (T Barsby 102, I Botham 58, G Trimble 57, P Sleep 4 for 91). South Australia 228 for 4 (G Bishop 100). Hobart: Western Australia 334 (G Marsh 88, W Andrews 57, K MacLeay 50 not out). Tasmania 209 for 5 (B Davison 55 not out, D Boon 53).

LACROSSE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLAGS: Semi-finals: Bath 11, Kenton 4. Postponed: Hampstead v Purley
NORTH OF ENGLAND FLAGS: Semi-finals: Stockport 13, Cheadle 7. Postponed: Mellor v Old Hulmeians

BASKETBALL

HELSINKI: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group D qualifying match: Poland 92, Finland 83.

CROSS COUNTRY

CARDIFF: European women's clubs championship: 1, A Tooby (Cardiff AAC) 20min 10sec; 2, S Tooby (Cardiff AAC) 20:32; 3, A Machado (Sporting Club De Braga, Portugal) 20:54; 4, L Slegers (Aredonk Belgium) 21:01; 5, C Ferreira (Sporting Club De Braga) 21:02; 6, R Oliveira (Sporting Club De Braga) 21:05. Other British placings: 9, S Crehan (Sale Harriers) 21.26; 11, K Lock-harris (Cardiff) 21.43; 17, R Smith (Dublin City Harriers) 21.58; 19, S Leonard (Sale Harriers) 22.04; 21, D Nagle (Dublin City Harriers) 22.11; 22, A Jenkins (Edinburgh Woollen Mills) 22.16; 23, J Holland (Sale Harriers) 22.28; 25, A Hilliard (Dublin City Harriers) 22.33; 28, B Brown (Sale Harriers) 22.35; 29, V Blair (Edinburgh Woollen Mills) 22.50. Team championship: 1, Sporting Club De Braga 14 pts; 2, Cardiff AAC 14; 3, Juventus Athletica Stilos (Sp) 44; 4, Sale Harriers 51; 5, Athletica Fiat Sud Formia (It) 51; 6, Es Viry Schatillon (Fr) 56. Other British: 7, Dublin City Harriers 63; 9, Edinburgh Woolen Mills 90.

SWINDON: Southern Women's Cross Country Championships: Senior (6,000 metres): 1, A Ford (Hounslow) 22.24; 2, M Watson (Swindon) 22.29; 3, G Penny (Cambridge H) 23.00; 4, L Dewhurst (Milton Keynes) 23.14; 5, J Cooper (Hounslow) 23.22. Team: 1, Oxford City 104pts; 2, London Olympiads 114; 3, Shaftesbury/Barnet 121. Intermediate (4,500m): 1, A Whitcombe (Parkside) 18.04; 2, L Watson (GEC Avionics) 18.27; 3, S Willcombe (GEC Avionics) 18.28. Team: 1, Norfolk Olympiads 46pts. Junior (3,500m): 1, S Harper (Hounslow) 13.15; 2, P Radcliffe (Bedford and County) 13.16; 3, C Wilson (Bedford and County) 13.17. Team: 1, Bedford and County 31pts. Girls (3,000m): 1, L Kettle (Dartford H) 11.27; 2, K Turner (Epsom and Ewell) 11.32; 3, L Richard (Bedford and County) 11.40. Teams: 1, Bedford and County 61pts.

NOTTINGHAM: British Students Cross Country Championships: Men: (10.7km): 1, J Sherban (Leeds University) 33.16; 2, A Reid (Thames Poly) 33.26; 3, C Sweeney (Birmingham University) 33.35. Team: 1, Loughborough University 107pts; 2, West London Institute of Higher Education 161; 3, Birmingham University 200. Junior (7.5km): 1, S Shepley (Loughborough University) 23.26; 2, A Michaelwaite (Loughborough University) 23.30; 3, N Horrell (Cambridge University) 23.33. Team: 1, Loughborough 48; 2, WLIHE 159; 3, Queens University Belfast 186. Women: (4.7km) 1, H Titterington (Loughborough) 16.7; 2, A Sym (Glasgow University) 17.05; 3, V Vaughan (Oxford University) 17.08. Team: 1, Oxford University 57; 2, Loughborough 83; 3, Birmingham 105.

WOODFORD BRIDGE: Brooks Metropolitan League (5 miles): 1, M Williams (Shaftesbury/Barnet) 24.03; 2, T Maher (London Irish) 24.35; 3, D Coates (Ilford) 24.47 Team: 1, Shaftesbury/Barnet 2,441pts; 2, London Irish 2,350; 3, Woodford Green 2,268. Champions: Shaftesbury/Barnet 12,450; 2, London Irish 11,563.

RICHMOND PARK: Surrey League: First division: (5.5 miles): 1, B Ford (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 27.25; 2, J Wright (Belgrave H) 27.40; 3, H Jones (Ranelagh H) 27.46. Team: 1, Aldershot, Farnham and District 229pts; 2, Belgrave H 325; 3, Ranelagh H 333. Leading positions after three races: 1, Aldershot, Farnham and District 695pts; 2, Box Hill Racers 1,019. Tilford: Second division: (5.3 miles): 1, L Marsh (SLH) 29.08; 2, J Hensman (Omega) 29.20; 3, D Dymond (Croydon H) 29.22. Team: 1, SLH 192pts; 2, Guildford and Godalming 197; 3, Croydon H 263. Leading positions after three races: 1, Guildford and Godalming 564pts; 2, SLH 710pts.

SPEED SKATING

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin: World Sprint Championships: Men: 500m: 1, D Jansen (US) 38.70; 2, Y Kurohama (Jap) 38.88; 3, U-J Mey (EG) 38.89. 1,000m: 1, D Jansen (US) 1:20.24; 2, J Ykema (Neth) 1:20.32. Women: 500m: 1, C Rothenburger (EG) 41.30; 2, B Blair (US) 41.60; 3, K Kania (EG) 42.04. 1,000m: 1, K Kania (EG) 1:24.81; 2, C Rothenburger (EG) 1:24.93; 3, A Ehrig (EG) 1:25.69.

FOOTBALL

MONACO: Four-nation tournament: Final: France 2, Morocco 1. Third place playoff: Switzerland 2, Austria 1.
AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Preliminary round: First leg: Matlama (Lesotho) 2, Maxaquene (Mozambique) 1; Mukura Victory Sport (Rwanda) 5, Mbabane Highlanders (Swaziland) 1

SQUASH RACKETS

ESBO: Finnish Open tournament: Quarter-finals: Men: Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) bt J Nicolle (GB) 9-3, 9-0, 4-9, 9-3; J Khan (Pak) bt M Maclean (GB) 9-2, 9-3, 9-3; A Wahlstedt (Swe) bt S Elopuro (Fin) 9-3, 9-5, 3-9, 9-7; R Owen (GB) bt H Jaskari (Fin) 9-2, 9-8, 9-7. Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Wahlstedt (Sweden) 9-3, 9-4, 9-0; Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) bt R Owen (Eng) 9-3, 9-2, 9-4; Final: Jansher Khan bt Umar Hayat Khan 9-0, 9-1, 9-7. Match for third place: Wahlstedt bt Owen 9-4, 4-9, 5-9, 9-5, 10-8. Women: M Martin (Aus) bt D Drudy (Aus) 0-9, 9-5, 9-4, 9-4; S Fitzgerald (Aus) bt S Brady (Aus) 9-4, 8-10, 9-1, 9-4; L Soutter (GB) bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth) 9-1, 9-2, 9-2; S Devoy (NZ) bt R Best (Ire) 9-7, 6-9, 9-1, 10-8. Semi-finals L Soutter (Eng) bt M Martin (Aus) 9-3, 5-9, 9-8, 5-9, 9-8; S Devoy (NZ) bt S Fitzgerald (Aus) 9-5, 4-9, 9-4, 10-8. Final: Devoy bt Soutter 9-7, 10-9, 9-1. Match for third place: Martin bt Fitzgerald 9-3, 2-9, 3-9, 9-3, 9-3.

SWIMMING

PARIS: International short-course meeting: First day: (Winners) MEN: 200m freestyle: M Gross (WG) 1:44.14. 200m breaststroke: V Alexeev (USSR) 2:14.30. 1,500m freestyle: W Dai (China) 15:09.65. Women: 200m freestyle: L Dobrescu (Rom) 1:57.80. 200m breaststroke: H Xiaoming (China) 2:26.60. 800m freestyle: A Klamme (EG) 8:25.85. 4x100m medley relay: Romania 4:11.00. Second day: Men: 100m backstroke: F Hoffmeister (WG) 55.44; 7, S Cullen (Ire) 58.16. 100m butterfly: M Gross (WG) 53.48. 400m freestyle: S Caron (Fr) 3:47.01. 400m individual medley: T Darnyi (Hun) 4:13.73. 4x100m freestyle relay: USSR 3:19.62; 5, England 11 3:28.28. Women: 100m backstroke: K Zimmermann (EG) 1:01.31. 100m butterfly: C Plewinski (Fr) 1:00.50; 6, C Foot (Eng) 1:02.05; 7, M Scarborough (Eng) 1:02.46. 400m freestyle: S Pura (Rom) 4:08.05; 6, R Gillfillan (Scot) 4:14.34. 400m individual medley: A Szigyarto (Rom) 4:44.11; 7, S Smart (Scot) 4:53.01. 4x100m freestyle relay: 1, Romania 3:44.48, 4, Scotland 3:53.44, 5, England 3:56.38.

HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Broxbourne 1, Ipswich 1; Cambridge City 1, O Loughtonians 3; Harleston Magpies 3, Norfolk Wanderers 0; West Herts 2, Bedford 0. First division north: Beds Eagles 4, Woodhall Spa 2; Felixstowe 0, Letchworth 1; Ipswich and E S 0 Pelicans 3; Norwich Earlham 2, Wisbech 2; Norwich Exiles 1, Cambs Nomads 2; Nor Grasshoppers 4, Long Sutton 1; Saffron Walden 0, Norwich Union 1.
WILSON LEAGUE: First division: Coventry and North Warwickshire 5, Chesterfield 0; Derby 1, Wombourne 2; Harborne 2, Stone 0; Kidderminster 2, Blorwich 2; Leicester Westleigh 0, Cannock 1; Olton and West Warwickshire 0, Stourport 1; Pickwick 1, Khalsa 2; South Nottingham 0, Bournville 0.

TENNIS

WELLINGTON: Women's international tournament: Singles, semi-finals: K Adams (US) bt P Fendick (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Hetherington (Can) bt A Minter (Aus) 7-5, 2-6, 6-4. Final: Hetherington bt Adams 6-1, 6-1. Doubles, semi-finals: Fendick and Hetherington bt L Field (Aus) and J Salmon (GB) 6-4, 6-2; B Cordwell and J Richardson (NZ) bt G Magers (US) and Minter 6-4, 1-6, 7-5. Final: Hetherington and Fendick bt Cordwell andRichardson 6-3, 6-3.

SKIING

IIYAMA, Japan: World Cup freestyle: Seventh races: Men's moguls: 1, R Aldighieri (US) 25.32pts; 2, E Berthon (Fr), 25 10; 3, E Grospiron (Fr) 24.80; 4, B Brandt (Switz) 24.66; 5, H E Eigelsen (Nor) 24.48; 6, E Labouraix (Fr) 24.42. Women's moguls: 1, S L Hattestad (Nor) 22.36 pts; 2, C Kissling (Switz) 21.56; 3, D Weinbrecht (US) 21.51; 4, S Marcandi (It) 21.48; 5, R Monod (Fr) 21.32; 6, T Mittermayer (WG) 20.44.

RIFLE SHOOTING

LONDON: Women's smallbore match (teams of ten) 1, Civil Service 1953 (D Thomas 198); 2, WRAF 1918 (M Haughey 196); 3, WRNS 1899 (B Green 195). Bordes: (Women's teams of ten): 1, Civil Service 1945 (A Fisher and I Gay 197); 2, WRAC 1884 (A Treham 192).

BADMINTON

CRAWLEY: Carlsberg English National Championships: Men's singles, second round: M Adams (Yorks) bt A Fairhurst (Lancs) 15-6, 15-12; M Elliott (Surrey) bt T Riley (Middx) 15-10, 15-9; M Smith (Hants) bt C Palmer (Essex) 15-3, 15-5; Kum Wai Kok (Essex) bt C Hunt (Lancs) 10-15, 15-2, 15-9; T Flynn (Worcs) bt K Jolly (Essex) 15-4, 15-10; M Johnson (Devon) bt T Darlington (Hants) 15-7, 15-2; D Wright (Yorks) bt P Edevane (Hants) 17-14, 15-8; P Smith (Surrey) bt R Harmsworth (Essex) 6-15, 15-2, 15-4. Third round: Adams bt Elliott 15-2, 15-1; Smith bt Kum Wai Kok 15-3, 15-2; Flynn bt Johnson 18-14, 15-7; Wright bt Smith 15-9, 15-9.
Women's singles: Second round: T Groves (Sussex) bt A Heywood (Yorks) 11-3, 11-2; A Fisher (Essex) bt K Peatfield (Notts) 11-4, 11-1; S Halsall (Lancs) bt N Greenwood (Yorks) 11-2, 11-5; F Gallup (Surrey) bt D Smith (Hants) 11-7, 11-4; T Dineen (Essex) 11-5, 11-7; C Palmer (Hampshire) bt T Allwright (Essex) 11-7, 11-8; S Podger (Guernsey) bt A Abbott (Notts) 11-1, 11-3; J Bradbury (Oxford) bt N Badman (Sussex) 11-7, 11-0; J Munday (Surrey) bt G Clarke (Yorks) 11-6, 11-4. Third round: Fisher bt Groves 11-2, 11-0; Halsall bt Gallup 5-11, 12-11, 11-1; Podger bt Palmer 8-11, 11-3, 11-4; Munday bt Bradbury 8-11, 11-8, 11-2.
SINGAPORE: Konica Cup: Semi-finals: Men: Yang Yang (China) bt A Wiranata (Indonesia) 15-11, 15-5; K Sompol (Thai) bt Foo Kok Keong (Mal) 15-13, 15-3. Final: Yang Yang bt Sompol Kusasemkij 15-10, 15-2. Women: Li Lingwei (China) bt Tang Jiuhong (China) 11-6, 9-11, 12-11; Huang Hua (China) bt Shi Wen (China) 11-6, 11-4. Final: Li Lingwei bt Huang Hua 12-9, 11-6.

MOTOR RALLYING

KARLSTAD: Swedish World Championship: Final positions: 1, M Alen/I Kivimaki (Fin), Lancia Delta, 5:02.31; 2, S Blomqvist/B Melander (Swe), Ford Sierra, 1.37 behind; 3, L-E Torph/C Thorner (Swe), Audi Quattro, 7.32. GB position: 8, M Wilson/I Grindrod, Opel Kadett, 13.47. Leading world championship standings after two rounds: =1, B Saby (Fr) Lancia, Alen 20pts; =3, Fiorio (It), Blomqvist 15. Constructors: 1, Lancia 40 pts; 2, Audi 21; 3, Ford 17; 4, Peugeot 14; 5, BMW 13

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Australian matchplay championship: (Australian unless stated): Quarter-finals: R Rafferty (N Ire) bt I Baker-Finch, 4-2; V Somers bt P Fowler, 2 up; C Parry bt P O'Malley, 5-4; M Clayton bt M Colandro (US) 2 up. Semi-finals: Rafferty bt Somers, 3-2; Clayton bt Parry, 5-4. Final: Rafferty bt Clayton, 1 up. Play-off for third and fourth: Parry bt Somers, 5-3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 3, Quebec Nordiques 2; New York Islanders 6, Buffalo Sabres 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Hartford Whalers 4; New York Rangers 3, Washington Capitals 0; Detroit Red Wings 5, Montreal Canadiens 4; Winnipeg Jets 8, Minnesota North Stars 8; Philadelphia Flyers 4, St Louis Blues 2; Los Angeles Kings 7, Edmonton Oilers 2.

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ, Switzerland: Bott Cup (Handicap). Cancelled (heavy snow)

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: stormbound. Glenshee: upper and middle runs and lower slopes, runs complete, new snow drifting badly; vertical runs, 1500ft, hill and main roads, blocked; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe: upper runs, complete, wide cover of hard packed snow with many icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, wide cover of powder snow drifting: vertical runs, 1600ft, hill and main roads, slight snow; snow level, 1600ft. Lecht: stormbound. Forecast for today: cold; sunny intervals; sleet or snow showers, heavy at times with some drifting; showers becoming light in the afternoon and dying out in the west; there will be widespread cloud on hills in the showers, wind fresh or strong north-westerly easing in the afternoon, freezing level 1500ft. Outlook for tomorrow: heavy sleet or snow turning to showers later as a depression moves east across Scotland; gale force winds giving blizzards in many places.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Perfect timing by Baker

By Peter Bryan

David Baker "salvaged something from a pretty awful season" — his words — when he held on to his overall lead to win the Holdsworth National Cyclo-Cross Trophy yesterday in a final race at the Wolverhampton circuit based on Aldersley Stadium.

The competition, a series of three events, had found Baker, an amateur, six points clear of Steve Douce, a professional, before yesterday's start. To win overall, Douce had to take first place and push Baker to third or lower. Douce met the first requirement, attacked to get clear on the second of the nine-lap event and won by 43 seconds.

Behind him was the real battle, a three-rider affair between Baker, his arch amateur rival, Chris Young, and the Belgian Eric Vervaert. After Douce had taken flight the three chasers continuously attacked and counter-attacked each other, although Baker appeared to be the one under pressure. Halfway through the 13½-mile race, Baker trailed Young and Vervaert by seven seconds. This was his athletic "wall", and not suprisingly he rode through the bad patch and two miles later was in contention.

The lead see-sawed between the three chasers, but it was Baker who made his trophy-winning move with a quarter of a mile left. He got a good line on the grass prior to the finishing half lap of the hard track.

Young appeared shattered by the pace of the race and by Baker's stinging attack, but edged into third, a further seven seconds back. Douce had done all he could in controlling the lead, but could not have influence on what happened behind and lost the trophy he has held for the last three years by one point.

For Douce the cyclo-cross season is over; for Baker he is considering having his troublesome tonsils out as a private patient. He does not want to wait up to two years for an operation on the NHS, believing the tonsilitis he has had since last summer has been the cause of his erratic form.

RESULTS: 1, S Douce (Raleigh-Banana) 1.07.06secs. 2, D Baker (Ace) 1.07.49secs. 3, C Young (Paragon) 1.07.56secs. Overall trophy result: 1, Baker, 116pts.

BADMINTON

Problems with her car do not stop Halsall

By Richard Eaton

Sara Halsall, the England international who had to thumb a lift to the Albert Hall in October where, unexpectedly, she reached the semi-finals of the British Airways Masters, repeated the act to get to Crawley yesterday. The Lancastrian, aged 20, found her car would not start, cadged a lift from her doubles partner Karen Beckman, and then saved a match point to reach the quarter-finals of the Carlsberg English national championships.

Halsall did that by winning 5-11, 12-11, 11-1 against Felicity Gallup, last year's English junior champion, who is unsure about her future in badminton after spending the summer modelling in Hong Kong. Halsall's opponent in the semi-finals today is the fourth-seeded Sarah Hore, against whom she missed a match point at Wimbledon in November. "I'll have to make sure the car isn't mended until after the tournament," joked Halsall.

Another who hopes to upset the seedings today is Sally Podger, who will be celebrating her 26th birthday. Podger, the former England No. 1, also had to come from a game down before beating England No. 9 Claire Palmer. She retired three years ago but is now back believing she is still good enough to take the title.

Podger meets the third-seeded Gillian Gowers, a colleague on England's best-ever day, four years ago in Kuala Lampur, when the silver medal in the Uber Cup was won. "That memory is very dear to me," Podger said. She also needs to win to further her ambitions of making a nostalgic return in three months' time to Kuala Lampur for the Uber Cup finals.

SWIMMING

Teenagers win England's only medals

Paris — Mark Foster, of Southend, and Zara Long, of Beckenham, both aged 17, spared England a medal whitewash at yesterday's final session of the three-day Coca Cola short course international meeting here yesterday (Roy Moor writes).

Foster won the silver in the men's 100m freestyle and Long the bronze in the women's 200m individual medley.

Had Foster been sharper at turns after leading at half-way he would have fought an even closer finish with Stephan Caron, the French champion and European No. 2, who took the gold in a meeting record of 48.68sec

So fierce was the chase after the leading pair that Alex Borislavski, of the Soviet Union, and Stefan Volery, of Switzerland, finished in a dead heat for third place at 49.80sec.

Long was the morning's second fastest qualifier for the 200m individual medley final with 2min 19.35sec, but although faster with 2min 17.7sec in swimming to the bronze, she could not curb the dominance of Anca Patrascou, of Romania. Laurence Bensimon, of France, won the silver.

HOCKEY

Three missing from squad for Australia

The British women's squad for the seven-nation Australian bicentenary tournament in Perth in March was announced yesterday (Joyce Whitehead writes). This is the first of five major events in the build-up to the Olympic Games in Seoul.

With such a concentrated programme Mary Cheetham withdrew from selection for Australia as she has recently taken up a new post at Birmingham University. Also missing are Julie Cook and Vicky Dixon.

At the assessment and training at Lilleshall yesterday the British squad played four 15-minute matches against the Shropshire men.

BRITAIN: J Atkin (Yorkshire), W Banks (Buckley), G Brown (Yorkshire), K Brown (Surrey), J Elms (Carmarthen), W Fraser (Scot), B Hambly (Warwickshire), C Jordan (Scot), V McBride (N Ire), M MacLeod (Scot), G Messenger (Scot), K Parker (Middlesex), A Ramsay (Scot), C Rule (Leicestershire), J Sixsmith (Warwickshire), S Williams (Buckinghamshire).

● On Saturday, Bromsgrove School finished ahead of King Edward VII Upper School, Leicester, in the Barclays Bank Midlands under-18 tournament. Both will represent the Midlands in the national championships.

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Arsenal's voices of dissent have the last word

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Everton	0
Arsenal	1

Arsenal, the holders of the Littlewoods Cup, are standing on the threshold of Wembley once more. Not only did they deservedly win the first leg of the semi-final at Goodison Park yesterday but their defence maintained a record of remaining intact, as it has done throughout the competition so far this season.

Their performance, in which Groves was the decisive figure and Adams and O'Leary were particularly prominent, was spoiled only by a lack of discipline, which alone threatened to be their downfall. Can there be any team in the League which is more consistent, more vociferous or more visible in their dissent?

Thomas – responsible for the crucial silencing of Reid – Adams and O'Leary (who was also guilty of a physical offence) were all cautioned for the crime. Television viewers may have witnessed for themselves how often Arsenal indulge in the irritating and pointless habit of disputing decisions. That apart, they were admirable.

To beat them or even to hold them, Everton needed to be at their best and their strongest. They were neither. There were several contributory factors, the most obvious being their recent punishing schedule. Of 13 fixtures since Boxing Day, no fewer than eight of them have been cup ties.

Arsenal prepared by relaxing *in the Spanish sunshine* in Marbella for five days. By contrast, Everton were engaged in another exhausting contest at Middlesbrough. As Reid said: "It was beautiful up there in the North East. All we had was wind, rain, sleet and 120 minutes of fierce football."

Fatigue is not necessarily the problem, although muscles are inevitably tinged with stiffness. But mental staleness tends to freeze the brain, however willing the spirit may be. Everton were always a yard short or a second behind. It was as though they were playing in slow motion.

As if that was not enough, their faces were lashed by a stiff wintry breeze and slanting rain throughout the first half. The combination of the conditions and the build-up were more than they could bear and within 10 minutes they were carrying an even heavier burden.

The absence of Ratcliffe, *their leader and most influential* defender, became even more noticeable as van den Hauwe, his temporary understudy, opened his undistinguished afternoon by allowing Sansom's free kick to run *through to Groves. His turn* was instant. So was the shot that bemused both central defender and goalkeeper.

But for Southall, Arsenal would by half-time have given themselves an even more comfortable cushion to take home with them. Another monstrous clearance from Lukic, carried downfield by the wind, released Groves again. Everton's goalkeeper blocked his path and Hayes lifted the rebound over the unguarded net.

Even more importantly, Southall later nudged Winterburn's cleanly-struck drive in the same direction. By choosing *the speed of Groves* rather than the height of the more cumbersome Quinn in their front line, Arsenal were piercing their opponents with a regularity which suggested that Everton would eventually *be left without hope.*

Colin Harvey, who left his seat in the stands after 17 minutes, pumped fresh inspiration into his sluggish side. Yet, in spite of their belated recovery, only Stevens was *productive.*

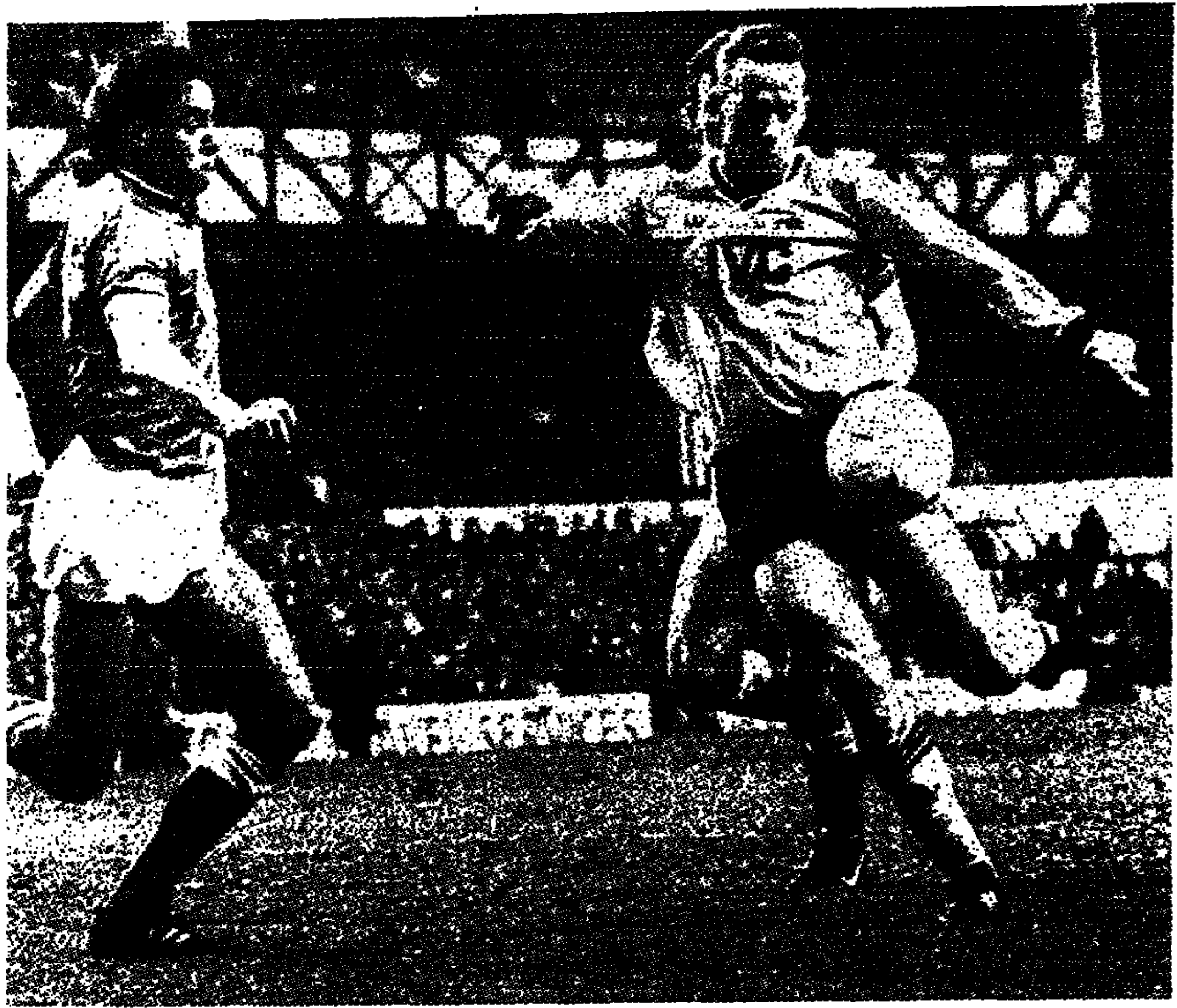
Arsenal's goalkeeper had no need even to take action after Adams was adjudged to have leant on Sharp *inside* the area. With 10 minutes to go, Steven side-footed the penalty feebly into the terraces. As the ball flew over amid further groans of disappointment Everton's chances of reaching the final seemed to go with it.

In the first leg of the other semi-final Oxford United are at home to Luton Town on Wednesday.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, N Pointon, P van den Hauwe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, J Sharpe, I Snodin, A Harper (sub: W Clarke).
ARSENAL: J Lukic; N Winterburn, K Sanson, M Thomas, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, M Hayes, P Groves, A Smith (sub: N Quinn), K Richardson.
Referee: G Tyson.

Hateley out

Mark Hateley has become the fourth player to be withdrawn from the England's international against Israel in Tel Aviv next week, joining Hoddle, Hodge and Mabbutt. All will be involved in Monaco's match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane. Bobby Robson's squad, to be announced today, is expected to include Steve McMahon, of Liverpool.



One in the bull's-eye from a master gunner: Groves rifles home a shot targeted on Wembley (Photograph: John Powell)

Clough faces jobs row

There was increased speculation last night that Brian Clough could be on a collision course with Maurice Roworth, the Nottingham Forest chairman, over an approach from the Welsh Football Association to become their new part-*time national team manager* (Chris Moore writes).

Clough was yesterday reported to have intimated he is giving it serious consideration. Last night, however, Roworth reiterated that it would not be feasible for Clough to combine the jobs.

"The situation, as far as I am concerned, has not changed. Brian is our manager and we do not want to share him with anyone else. So far we have not sat down to discuss the matter together, but we have arranged to talk it over on Monday morning."

If Clough does fancy the idea of taking over from Mike England, who was sacked by the Welsh FA last week, some sort of showdown could be on.

More trouble in Netherlands

Amsterdam (Reuter) – The crowd trouble afflicting Dutch football took another turn for the worse yesterday when the key game of the season between the League leaders PSV Eindhoven and their nearest challengers Ajax Amsterdam was held up for half an hour.

Fireworks were thrown on to the pitch and the PSV goalkeeper – the former Nottingham Forest player, van Breukelen – was pelted with eggs.

Cavvies Clown dope mystery

By Michael Seely

Cavvies Clown remains 6-1 joint-favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup despite the announcement that a dope test taken on the much-improved chaser after winning the John Bull Chase at Wincanton on January 14 has proved positive.

Trainer David Elsworth said yesterday: "The Jockey Club has informed me that *tests taken on Cavvies* Clown's last three runs at Newbury, Wincanton and Cheltenham have shown the presence of an abnormal substance

"I will continue to train Cavvies Clown for the Gold Cup, but he will not run in Ireland next Saturday. At this stage I have no further comment to make."

Jockey Club spokesman, David Pipe, said: "I can confirm the Horserace Forensic Laboratories have supported the finding of a prohibited substance in respect of a sample taken from *Cavvies Clown following his* win in the John Bull Chase at Wincanton. The Jockey Club security department is conducting an investigation and will make a report to the stewards."

Pipe added: "We have only so far received a full report about the sample taken from Cavvies Clown at Wincanton. We have not yet received any report on the tests at Newbury and Cheltenham."

It was further explained by the Jockey Club that only after a full report has been issued do the authorities make an official announcement, and not after the initial test. It is only in the case of Cavvies Clown's victory at Wincanton that this has occurred. Disqualification in the three races would deprive connections of £17,174 in prize-money.

No clue has been given to the identity of the abnormal substance, but a report in a Sunday newspaper said it did not come from horse feed, nor did it contain the stimulants caffeine and theobromine.

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Tear gas delays title bout

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Police had to clear a large section of the Bingley Hall, Stafford, last night after a tear *gas canister was thrown from* the crowd in the interval before the Tony Sibson-Frank Tate world title bout.

The trouble was brought under control quickly but ringsiders and press and television men had either to cover their noses and mouths or leave their seats with streaming noses and eyes until the gas had cleared.

The promoter, Frank Warren, *had to take the micro*phone into the ring to appeal to supporters for order. The bout was held up for seven minutes for the gas to clear,

Earlier in the day, the hopes of Tom Collins, the European light-heavyweight champion, boxing for a world title on February 20 at Windsor received a serious set-back yesterday when Bob Lee, president of the International Boxing Federation (IBF), said that he would not allow the distance of Collins' bout with Prince Charles Williams to be reduced from 15 rounds to 12 rounds.

"We are not going to sanc*tion that fight if it is held* in Britain," Lee said. "We only agreed to cut down Sibson's fight to 12 rounds because the fighters on the undercard would have been penalized by the British Boxing Board."

Warren said: "If Lee says he will not give his sanction then Collins has lost his chance."

On the undercard to Sibson-Tate, Nigel Benn, the unbeaten West Ham middleweight, made a big impression on American boxing supporters when, appearing for the first time on American TV, he destroyed Byron Prince, of Canada, in five minutes flat.

***Prince was caught* by a beautiful uppercut in the first round that dropped him on his knees. He rose at the count of eight but the British boxer swarmed all over him. A straight left from Benn *dropped the Canadian* to the floor again before the bell.**

Benn opened the second round with powerful shots and had the Canadian holding on. Then The Canadian fell backwards against the ropes and *Coyle stepped in.*

RESULTS: Light-heavyweight (8rds): Brian Schumacher (Liverpool) bt Dave Owens (Castleford), ko 1st. Light: Peter Till (Walsall) bt Michael Marsden (Leeds), ko, 1st. Middle (4rds): Nigel Benn (West Ham) bt Byron Prince (Can), rsc 2nd. Welter (4rds): Damien Denny (Belfast) bt Dean Bramhall (Doncaster), pts.

Robinson helps to lift the gloom for England

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, New Plymouth

England could draw only one real consolation from a day which did not fit at all happily into their plans. Their vulnerable early-order batsmen suffered a painful inquisition against the Shell Invitation XI on a pitch damp enough to be venomous, yet quite what havoc Hadlee might have caused hardly bears considering.

Hadlee, to England's relief, is conserving his energy for the first Test at Christchurch on Friday. That is the good news. The bad news is that conditions there could suit him equally as well. It has been a wet weekend across New Zealand, and expert opinion insists the Test pitch will greatly favour the quicker bowlers.

This is not exactly music to *English* ears. The tour party have lost their most effective exponent of a damp pitch, the injured Foster, and now look likely to begin the series with only one batsman, Tim Robinson, in anything approaching top form. Add to that the fact that Robinson's slightly flawed technique is an open book to Hadlee, from their time together with Nottinghamshire, then England have reason to view the coming week with some trepidation.

The attractions of playing on one of the world's most beautiful grounds were lost on the England XI during a torrid pre-lunch session. Broad, Moxon and Athey were gone inside 75 minutes, and the survival of Fairbrother owed a great deal more to luck than judgement.

Broad was undone, as anyone might have been, by a ball from Watson which pitched around leg-stump and moved away sharply. Watson, one of five Test players in the *Shell* side, did not concede a run until his fifth over, by which time a tortured Moxon had fallen to an unhappy jab at a ball from Millmow that was wide enough to ignore.

By lunch England had progressed to 89 for three, Athey caught behind off the wayward Barrett, a recovery based around Robinson, who has looked almost swaggeringly confident since, improbably, hitting 10 sixes at Hamilton a fortnight ago. He had made 36 at the break, but then had to wait four hours while steady rain drove down on this natural bowl in Pukekora Park. A fast-scoring ground with short, square boundaries, it is memorable for the towering, grass terracing cut out of the hills all around.

England last played here ten years ago. The one survivor from that squad is Gatting, then on his debut tour but now, as captain, resting up to clear the final effects of a chest infection.

Gatting and *Micky* Stewart, the cricket manager, decided at the weekend that the players should be reminded how hard they need to work on their strength and fitness – a direct reference to the crop of niggling injuries which have surfaced in the past week. Personally, I would not have thought the impromptu teatime throwing competition, involving two of our fast bowlers, with all the accompanying risks of shoulder strain, was quite the sort of thing they had in mind.

Play resumed at 5 p.m. and, under the extra hour ruling, could have gone on for another two hours. In fact the rain returned to cut short the session by 25 minutes, though not before Robinson had completed 74 with some strokes of near arrogance, Fairbrother had shown hints of his elusive *off-side* timing and DeFreitas, in no mood to linger, had savaged 41 from 29 balls.

ENGLAND XI: First innings

B C Broad c Greatbatch b Watson	3
M D Moxon c Greatbatch b Millmow	4
R T Robinson c sub b Brown	74
C W J Athey c McSweeney b Barrett	17
N H Fairbrother c McSweeney b Kuggeleijn	46
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Barrett	41
*J E Emburey not out	32
†C J Richards not out	20
Extras (nb 4, lb 2)	6
Total (6 wkts)	243

N V Radford, P W Jarvis and G R Dilley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-7, 3-44, 4-112, 5-181, 6-201.

BOWLING: Watson 7-3-15-1; Millmow 14-3-48-1; Barrett 11-0-62-2; Kuggeleijn 10-1-58-1; Brown 7-2-57-1.

SHELL XI: *R Vance, P A Horne, A M Jones, M J Greatbatch, C M Kuggeleijn, T E Blain, †E B McSweeney, V R Brown, B Barrett, W Watson, J P Millmow.

NZ worries

New Plymouth (Reuter) – Richard Hadlee and Martin Crowe are on a lengthy New Zealand injury list that has forced the selectors to delay naming their side for the first Test against England starting in Christchurch on Friday. The medium-fast bowlers, Willie Watson and Danny Morrison, have leg injuries, while Ian Smith, the wicketkeeper, has a broken finger. The team announcement is expected today.

Lyle's catalogue of errors

From John Ballantine, Pebble Beach, California

Sandy Lyle's renowned imperturbability took a severe shaking over the last three holes of his third round at Spyglass Hill which left the Scot with a card of 73 and a 54-hole total of 212 (74, 65, 73), six strokes behind the leader, Steve Jones, of New Mexico, going in to the final round of the AT & T National Pro-Am (formerly the Crosby) yesterday.

After going out in 35, on a much cooler and windier day, Lyle had birdies at the 10th and 11th holes to reach eight under par, at which point he was in sole second place behind Jones, who was playing on the opposite side of the course.

After a three at the 180-yard 12th, six pars on the remaining holes would have put him only two strokes behind the inexperienced Jones, who is a fine player, but one who has yet to win a title

Instead, the catalogue of errors caused the Scot to drop four strokes and fall into joint seventh position. They were silly mistakes on a course made easier after a committee decision to allow balls on the fairways to be picked up, cleaned and replaced.

Lyle missed the 13th and 15th greens, drove into the trees at the 320-yard 17th, trying perhaps to reach the green, and took three putts at the 18th. Still, his most optimistic supporters recalled that he won Phoenix a week ago after trailing by seven before the last round, and stranger things have happened at Pebble Beach.

Other European news was good. Bernhard Langer, who wasthird last year, took the torch from Lyle and moved to second spot with Craig Stadler, three behind Jones as a result of a hard-won 70 at Cypress Point. Howard Clark and Ken Brown both qualified for the final round.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 208: S Jones, 72, 64, 70. 209: B Langer (WG), 72, 67, 70; C Stadler, 68, 70, 71. 211: M Calcavecchia, 67, 69, 75; D Mast, 72, 71, 68; J Carter, 70, 71, 70. 212: S Lyle (GB), 74, 65, 73; H Irwin, 73, 70, 69; T Watson, 68, 72, 72. Other British: 216: H Clark, 70, 74, 72. 218: K Brown, 72, 73, 73.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Pendry is hanging on

John Pendry, of Britain, is on course to retain his world hang-gliding championship after a fine performance in yesterday's first round of the final phase of the event in the *Victorian* alps, Australia. Pendry, aged 30, from Brighton, leads the 48 survivors with 3,744 points.

Pendry is being pursued by Randy Haney, of Canada, who reached 3,728 points before today's rest day.

Boone wins

William Boone, the amateur champion, won the eliminator for the World Rackets Championship at Queen's Club on Saturday when he took the third game from Neil Smith, the professional champion. Boonehad only needed to take one game following his 4-0 win in the first leg.

Alen: Swedish success

Alen's rally

Karlstad (AFP) – Markku Alen, of Finland, driving a Lancia, held on for victory in the Swedish Rally here on Saturday, although his lead over Stig Blomqvist, of Sweden, in a Ford Sierra, was cut *to 1min 37sec.*

Debt ridden

Ipswich Witches have been suspended by the Speedway Control Board pending the payment of debts.

Plain sailing

Britain's Olympic Games yachting hopeful, Stuart Childerley, won the second race in the Finn Gold Cup World Championship in Brazil on Saturday, finishing just ahead of fellow Briton, Lawrence Crispin.

Longo banned

Paris (AFP) – Jeannie Longo was banned for a month by the French Cycling Federation here on Saturday after failing a dope test following her breaking of the world 3km record in Colorado Springs last September.

Last advance

Yorkshire Bank, a major sponsor of English and international swimming for 12 years, is ending its partnership with the Amateur Swimming Association. Its last major event will be the British club team championships at Coventry next month.

Sad Johnson stars in a rocky horror show

From Patricia Davies, Boca Raton, Florida

Nancy Lopez returned a windblown 75, three over par, for a total of 283 and victory by two shots in the Mazda Classic at Stonebridge Golf and Country Club yesterday. Marta Figueras-Dotti, of Spain, was *second, but Britain's Trish* Johnson was blown off course as she experienced one of the most soul-destroying rounds of her short professional career – an 87, 15 over par.

For Johnson, who had played in the leading group with Lopez only the day before, it was a case of not waving but drowning as she landing in the drink on no fewer than four of the 16 holes that have water on them.

The first and second were two of them and starting with two sixes meant Johnson dropped swiftly from one under par to two over, losing ground when she had hoped to *make* an early charge towards Lopez, who started the day at eight under par, four shots ahead of everyone else.

Johnson picked up a birdie at the fourth but her day took a turn for the worse when she drove out of bounds at the eighth and ended up with a seven, three over par.

Her horror story moved into the Vincent Price category on the second nine.

At the 14th she dumped her second shot, a sand wedge, in the water. She dredged up a five to drop only one shot but lost four at the next. Her second shot clipped a tree and ended up in a choppy, indifferent lake.To cap it all, she then missed a two-foot putt.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 283: N Lopez, 69, 68, 71, 75. 285: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 70, 70, 72, 73. 288: A Benz, 69, 72, 73, 74; J Stephenson, 72, 71, 71, 74; P Sheehan, 71, 72, 71, 74, M Foyer, 71, 70, 72, 75. British: 302: T Johnson, 68, 71, 76, 87.

END COLUMN

One man stands above all others

By Gerald Davies

There are rare moments in rugby football when one member, or even two, of that exclusive band of brothers, the union of forwards, can be so isolated and given the appropriate accolade for having risen, above all others, to stamp his (or their) individual personality on that which is, in all propriety, a very urban, egalitarian pitch.

A team is meant to be, anonymously, a team. No man should, by rights, rise above his station in a sporting life. But rugby, like all other contests, is about the *special* talent which reigns supreme. On Saturday Robert Norster showed such a talent.

And a talent of this kind has to have its winking collaborator. On Saturday that close *ally* was Ian Watkins. They were especially in tune with each other, two such forwards who normally shy away from the glamour but who now should be in the spotlight. More than anybody, apart *from* the sparkling dashes which produced the tries, they deserve Welsh recognition.

It is such a small point, taken in the overall context of much else that happens in a game, that the throwing-in *of the ball at the lineout* can easily be overlooked and thought of as a trifle. And, in any case, it is always the skill of the lineout expert that is constantly in focus.

On Saturday, Watkins, who came on as replacement for the injured Phillips, made a significant contribution to the Welsh success against England. Watkins is recognized as a good thrower-in of the ball in the way that Phillips is not. If Phillips's major contribution can be his phenomenal workrate around the field, Watkins's other attribute to his hooking abilities was the accuracy of his throwing-in.

In an area, then, in which England had done well against France, and the scrum in this game (apart from one mighty shove from Staff Jones on Probyn, which gave a major psychological boost to Wales late in the game) proved equal, the lineout for Wales was a decisive victory. Moriarty had some good ball at the back, so did May in the front, but it was Norster who was the real master.

He had a magnificent game. The strength and spring in his legs meant that he quite often reached heights beyond the taller Dooley. But this in itself is not enough. Control of the ball is essential and Norster, palming it in the main, guided the ball carefully to Jones at scrum half. *If* any one player can be thought of as indispensable in a team game, then Norster most certainly is for the Welsh team.

In the middle period of the second half he dominated the lineout, abetted by Watkins's true aim.Yet, for all this and, apart from the territory that Wales had enjoyed in the first half, England, through their forward charges, had proved to be the more threatening.

But, as at Parc des Princes, they failed to turn it into hard facts on the scoresheet. England worked well in a cohesive crowd, well drilled. Wales, from the first attack, were going to look for some flights of fancy from their individual talents in the backs.

For all the passing, it did often look fragile. But they insisted on pursuing the style. If it looked as they were playing the game too far away *from the English line* and not looking for pressure moments, the two tries came from their own half. Persistence won the day, and vindicated all that had been said beforehand. They were brilliant tries, two of the most exciting *and* adventurous, I would suggest, ever to be scored by Wales at Twickenham.

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Ireland still optimistic

Eddie Coleman, the chairman of selectors, was optimistic yesterday that Ireland would play as selected against France, in Paris, on Saturday week (George Ace writes).

"There is still a minor doubt about Trevor Ringland, but if he comes through the game next Saturday against Terenure College ... then I foresee no problems," he said. "Certainly, so far as Anderson and Matthews are concerned we have no worries."

Icy rain and wind prevailed at Lansdowne Road yesterday as the team and reserves were *put through two rigorous* training sessions, with the forward emphasis on lineout and maul. Ollie Campbell worked with the backs before the 21 players got together for a final combined exercise.

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